



## Century Farm Applications

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Herb Torstveit  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR1 St. Hilaire Minn. 56754  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 964-5293  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP Rocksbury COUNTY PENNINGTON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Aug 20, 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The Southeast Quarter of Section 35 in Township 153N.  
Range 43 West of the Fifth P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Halvor J. Torstveit</u>	<u>Aug 20, 1883</u> <u>Nov '74</u>	<u>Grandfather of Herb</u>
next owner <u>Herb O. Torstveit</u>	<u>Nov-74</u> <u>- Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Herb Torstveit  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-10-86

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Ray & Kathie Ulrich  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt-5 Thief River Falls Mn 56701  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (218) 964-5427  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 19 TOWNSHIP Sanders COUNTY Pennington  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY See Note on Back  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E 1/2 NW 1/4 W 1/2 NE 1/4 Lots 1 & 2

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Nels K. Anderson</u>	<u>1882</u>	<u>1919</u>	<u>Father of Theo. G.</u>
next owner <u>Theo G. Anderson</u>	<u>1919</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
next owner <u>Ray &amp; Kathie Ulrich</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>(present owner)</u>	<u>of Mrs Ulrich</u>
next owner			
next owner			

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Original Homestead Certificate</u> |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Ray Ulrich

(signature of present owner)

DATE 5/31/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Theo. G. Anderson Estate

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1915

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? small grains

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The homestead deed was awarded by Pres. Benjamin Harrison in 1889. (Homestead Certificate # 4637). I believe this would mean he must have acquired the farm and moved onto it at least 6 yrs prior to that. Nels lived on the property in 1882 when Sanders township was organized. He was the first township clerk. He was also one of the organizers of the Landstad Church - also started in 1882. He was also involved in the St. Hilaire Elevator & Creamery (organization of them).



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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER HOWARD BRECHER  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R# 2 - Box 76 , Pipestone, Minnesota 56164  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 825-4060  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP Troy COUNTY Pipestone  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 1, 1886  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW $\frac{1}{4}$  - Sect. 15 - Township 107 - Range 46

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner JACOB & MAGGIE BODE	1886 - 1888	Father & Mother of Jacob Bode, Jr.
next owner JACOB BODE, Jr.	1888 - 1932	Father of Minnie Bode
next owner NEWTON BRECHER & MINNIE BODE BRECHER	1932 - 1966	Father & Mother of Howard Brecher
next owner HOWARD & ARLEAH BRECHER	1966 - Present	
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Howard Brecher  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 2, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? South Minnesota Land Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? No

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1966

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Wheat, Soybeans  
Stock Cows

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER John H. Miller II  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Ruthton Mn 56170  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 658-3581  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Fountain Prairie COUNTY Pipestone

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

~~E 1/2 NE 1/4~~ NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and E 1/2 NE 1/4 John Miller III  
NE 1/4 in S.E. Cor. John H. Miller II TWP. 108 Rang-45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Frank Miller	1886 1913	Father of John I
next owner John H. Miller I	1913 1948	Father of John II Brother of Clarence
next owner John H. Miller II Clarence Miller	1948 1952	John Miller II bought from Brother Clarence
next owner John H. Miller II	1952 - present	
next owner John Miller III	1985 Has bought 80 acres in	Son of John Miller II

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| ( ) Abstract of Title | ( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| ( ) Land Patent       | ( ) County Land Record                     |
| (X) Original Deed     | ( ) Other _____                            |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

John H. Miller  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-16-1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? William Draves

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 16 1/2 Section

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 750 for whole farm

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER HAROLD G. WAITE  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 1505 COATES ROAD SIOUX FALLS, S.D. 57105  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (605) 334-4100  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP ELMER COUNTY PIPESTONE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL <sup>HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATE</sup> ~~PURCHASE~~ BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 7-27-1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

SECT-08 TWP-105 RANGE-45

160.00 AC SW 1/4 E 130

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	APPROX		
CHARLES R. WAIT	7-27-1880	EARLY 1920's	FATHER
next owner	EARLY	EARLY	
CHILDREN OF ↑ CAD, LAURA, JANE, MONIE WAITE	1920's	1930's	BROTHERS/SISTERS
next owner	EARLY		
CAD, LAURA, JANE WAITE	1930's	1950	" "
next owner			
CAD WAITE/HAROLD WAITE	1950	1980	FATHER/SON
next owner			
HAROLD WAITE	1980	PRESENT	

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☒ Original Deed

- ( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings  
( ) County Land Record  
☒ Other MY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE

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Harold G. Waite  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-19-86

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? MOTHER & DADS SISTERS

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? PORTION OF HOUSE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? PART IN APPROX. 1882

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, SOYBEANS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I HAVE THE ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD  
CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT  
GROVER CLEVELAND ON JULY 27, 1885.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Harry and Helen Christiansen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route #1, Box #53, Crookston, Minnesota 56716  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 281-4318  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 29 and 32 TOWNSHIP Lowell COUNTY Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 90

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1875

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SE 1/4 SW 1/4 + Lot 4 Sect. 29 - Twp. 150 - Range 47  
W 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sect. 32 - Twp. 150 - Range 47

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1875	
Ole Christiansen	TO 1908	Father
next owner	1908	Husband of Olga
Carl Christiansen	1937	Father of Harry & George
next owner	1937	
Olga Christiansen	1962	Mother
next owner	1962	
George & Harry Christiansen	1970	Brother
next owner	1970	
Harry Christiansen	Present	

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Abstract of Title (X) Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER Family and Historical Records

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Harry Christiansen  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE June 28, 1986



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*Part was home stead (pre-emption)*

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? *+part purchased from St. Paul + Manitoba Ry.*

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? ~~160~~ *227*

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? *Unknown*

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? *Isle of Sjaelland, Denmark*

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? *St. Paul*

DID HE FARM THE LAND? *Yes*

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? *Custom*

*Treshing and Lumber sawing*

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? *Partial (Sec 32.)*

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? *No*

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? *1975*

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? *Hay + Grain.*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Robert E. Henrickson  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Route 3 Box 65 Warren Minnesota 56762  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER ( 218 ) 965-1988  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP Sandsville COUNTY Polk  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 19, 1885  
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/4 Sec 34 Twp. 154 Range 49

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Henry Henrickson	1885 1940	Father
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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Robert E. Henrickson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 2, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 1 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1898

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat, Barley, Oats.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Albert Jerde  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Fertile <sup>Box 437</sup> minn. 56716  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 281-5709  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Box 437 Crookston, MN 56716  
Jim Jerde

SECTION 12+13 TOWNSHIP Liberty COUNTY Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 520

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 12-8-1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4 & E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 12 Twp 147N R 45W  
NE 1/4 Sec 13 Polk Co. Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	(from)	(to)	
first owner <u>Andrew H. Gjerde</u>	<u>Dec 1886</u>	<u>April 1939</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Albert Jerde</u>	<u>April 1939</u>	<u>present</u>	
next owner			
next owner			
next owner			

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|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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Albert Jerde  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-24-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Geo W. Kent *(in 1892 a lot of timber acres were purchased from G.N. Railroad)*

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

5<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Norway in 1849

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE?

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Small Grain

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*Albert who was born in 1900 still lives on the Farm*



No. 11.

LaDue and Co., by  
John S. LaDue,  
to  
Geo. W. Kent.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

Dated March 24, 1887.

Two witnesses.

Acknowledged March 24, 1887 before Andrew Eiken  
Register of Deeds, Polk Co., Minn. Notarial Seal.

Recorded March 24, 1887 at 4:30 P. M.

Book 30 of Mortg. on page 246.

No. 11 is a satisfaction of No. 10, mortgage  
recorded in Book "T" of Mortg. on page 175.

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No. 12.

Geo. W. Kent, unmarried,  
to  
Andrew H. Gjerde.

Warranty Deed.

Consideration \$800.00.

Dated Dec. 8, 1886.

Two witnesses.

Acknowledged Dec. 8, 1886 before Jerome W. Wheeler  
Notary Public, Polk County, Minn. Notarial Seal.

Recorded Dec. 8, 1886 at 10:30 A. M.

Book 23 of Deeds on page 356.

Conveys the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 12, Twp. 147,  
N., R. 45, W.

Subject to mortgages of \$400.00 and \$200.00.

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No. 13.

United States by  
Receiver at United States  
Land Office at Crookston,  
Minnesota

to

Caroline O. Aagenes (nee  
Morvig).

Receiver's Receipt.

Dated July 31, 1888.

Recorded Oct. 20, 1888 at 11:00 A. M.

Book 39 of Deeds on page 229.

Acknowledges the receipt of \$4.00, being the balance  
of payment required by law for the entry of the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
and E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 12, Twp. 147, N., R. 45, W.

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No. 14.

United States by President  
to  
Caroline O. Aagenes  
formerly Caroline O. Morvig.

P A T E N T.

Dated May 31, 1890.

Official Seal affixed.

Recorded Oct. 10, 1901 at 5:00 P. M.

Book 88 of Deeds on page 15.

Conveys the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 12, Twp. 147,  
N., Range 45, W.

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No. 15.

Caroline O. Aagenes and  
Christian J., her husband,  
to  
John Milton Oliver.

Mortgage.

Amount secured \$250.00.

Dated Oct. 13, 1888.

Two witnesses.

Recorded Oct. 20, 1888 at 11:00 A. M.

Book 40 of Mortg. on page 188.

Covers the  $W\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 12, Twp. 147,  
N., R. 45, W.

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No. 16.

John Milton Oliver  
to  
Caroline O. Aagenes and  
husband.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

Dated March 1, 1894.

Two witnesses.

Acknowledged March 1, 1894 before Harry B. Gutches  
Notary Public, Cook Co., Ill. Notarial Seal.

Recorded Oct. 22, 1901 at 4:00 P. M.

Book 105 of Mortg. on pages 161-162.

No. 16 is a satisfaction of No. 15, mortgage  
recorded in Book 40 of Mortg. on page 188.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER James W. Johnson, Roger W. Johnson, Betty Johnson Hoff  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Detroit Lakes MN 56501  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 847 7769  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rte 1 Clearbrook, MN 56634

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Queen COUNTY Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The west Half of NE 1/4 Township 148 Range 39  
W 1/2 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Alfred Johnson</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>Father of William</u>
next owner <u>William Johnson</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>FATHER of James</u>
next owner <u>James W. Johnson</u> <u>Betty Johnson Hoff</u> <u>Roger W. Johnson</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Roger</u> <u>Betty</u>
next owner			
next owner			

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- ( ) Abstract of Title (X) Court file in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
(X) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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James W. Johnson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-14-86

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homesteaded

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1888

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat, Barley,

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Oats, Corn,  
Alfalfa, Clover



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Marlan Knudson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Box 246 Fisher Mn. 56723  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 218 ) 891 2288  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Roome COUNTY West Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 800 +200 Rented ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Jan. 6, 1885 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
East 1/2 Section 10, Township 149, N. Range 48, W 320 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1885	
<u>Ole Knudson</u>	TO 1920	Father
<u>next owner</u>	1920	
<u>George Knudson</u>	1960	Father
<u>next owner</u>	1960	
<u>Marlan Knudson</u>	1986	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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Land Patent (x) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Marlan Knudson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 15, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Swen Lindblad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 7.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway, 1848

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Section 11, with 2 cousins

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? town board,

school board

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? yes House built 1891

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1891

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat & Sugar Beets

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Talbert And Mabel Koppang (Husband And) (this name will appear on certificate) wife

ADDRESS Box 83 Climax Mn. 56523  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 218 ) 857-3365  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Tynsid COUNTY Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 276

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 28, 1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 NE 1/4 And NW 1/4  
SE 1/4 of Sec. 26 Twp 149, North, Range 49, West, And Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7,  
Lee's subdivision of Ger. Lots 3 & 4, Sec 26 Twp. 149, North, Range 49, West.  
Containing in all 168.72 Acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	<u>FROM April 28, 1885</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
<u>Hans Koppang</u>	<u>TO Sept. 26, 1922</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>From Sept 26, 1922</u>	<u>Father of Talbert</u>
<u>John Koppang</u>	<u>TO Dec. 14, 1977</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>From 1977</u>	
<u>Talbert Koppang</u>	<u>TO Present</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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Original Deed (X) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Talbert Koppang  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 21, 1986

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Allen & Lorraine Love  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Euclid MDA 56222  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 773-1507  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Fanny COUNTY Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 800

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

N.W. 1/4 Sec - 06 - Twp 151 Range 47

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Love</u>	<u>1876 - 1929</u>	<u>Father of William</u>
next owner <u>William Love</u>	<u>1929 - 1974</u>	<u>Father of Allen</u>
next owner <u>Allen Love</u>	<u>1974 - Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Land Record          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Allen R. Love  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-1-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U. S. Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 130

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Canada

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1965

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Grain & Sugar Beets

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER George & Debbie McDonald  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Fisher <sup>REL</sup> Mn 56723  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (218) 773-2192  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME  
SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Nesbit COUNTY Polk  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 302  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 12-2-1885  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NW 1/4 Sec 29 Twp. 151, N. of 48, W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Donald McDonald</u>	<u>1885</u> - <u>1915</u>	<u>Father to Dan</u>
next owner <u>Daniel H. McDonald</u>	<u>1915</u> - <u>1935</u>	<u>Father to Merwin</u>
next owner <u>Merwin S McDonald</u>	<u>1935</u> - <u>1984</u>	<u>Father to George</u>
next owner <u>George McDonald</u>	<u>1984</u> - <u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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(☐) Land Patent      (☐) County Land Record  
(☒) Original Deed      (☒) Other Newspaper clippings

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

George McDonald

(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ST. Paul, MN & Manitoba Railway Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$500 AN Acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? County Frontenac, Prov of Ont, Canada  
5-20-1861

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Yes

hauled wood AND worked on other farms

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Original home

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1881

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Sugar Beets, wheat, Barley, Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Enclosed.

This enterprising and progressive farmer and public spirited citizen of Polk County, who is one of several members of the same family, lives at Davidson Station on the Northern Pacific Station sixteen and a half miles northwest of Crookston in Section 29-Nisbet Township where he has redeemed from the wilderness and highly improved large farm. He was born in County Frontenac, Prov., of Ont., Canada on May 20, 1861 and came to Polk County in 1878, his brother James McDonald having come to Blue Earth County, this state, two years before. He changed his residence to Polk County in 1877 and is still living there, as will be seen else where in this history. Daniel H. McDonald is a son of Donald and Ellen (Hannah) McDonald. He bought 80 acres of his present farm from the Railroad Company-at \$5.00 an acre, with a rebate of \$2.50 an acre for breaking 3/4 of it, and three years later was allowed 50¢ and acre in addition for all he had under cultivation. He worked on other farms the first year, but broke up eight acres of his own land although he had no buildings on it. In the winter he hauled wood. The next year he rented what he had plowed and broke up more, and so got twenty acres broken up in a short time. Soon after, he bought the other half of the quarter section in which his land lies, and in four years he had 120 acres broken and got his rebate on it all. During these four years he continued to work out and rented his own plowed land. He then built a little house and stable but continued to make his home with his father Donald McDonald, who came to the county two years after his son did. His father bought a homestead right and on this land he lived until his death on Feb. 20, 1915. He survived his wife by fifteen years. He was a zealous Presbyterian and took the initiative in founding the Bethel Church of that sect, and of this church he was a very active member the rest of his life.

*Mervin's Dad* His son Daniel work his own land and this of his fathers until his marriage which took place in 1889, and renited him with Miss Tena Lee a daughter of James and Tena (Nisbet) Lee. She was also a native of Ontario, coming to this county when Mr. McDonald came. She died in 1899 leaving four children-Winifred a teacher in Polk County schools, Earl who is a student at school in Crookston, and Lee and Lindsay (twins) who like Earl are living at home with their father. Mr. McDonald's second marriage was with Miss Annie McDougall, also a native of Canada. They were married at Elphin Ontario on March 2, 1904. They have four children-Grace, Gilbert, Maurice and Mervin. Since his first marriage, Mr. McDonald has added 160 acres to his farm and is now farming 320 acres. His last purchase cost him \$25.00 per acre, with improvements. His main dependence for a time was grain, but of late years, he has devoted more attention to live stock, keeping regularly about thirty

*7 Mervin's Dad - Grand father of Bill, Tom*

*Mervin's Mother*

*Grand-Moth*

*of Bill, Tom*

*Nancy George*



head of cattle with twelve milk cows. He has seventeen acres of potatoes and generally plants thirty acres of corn. The buildings and other improvements on his farm and good.

The public affairs of his town ship has always interested him and enlisted his service. He served on the township board one term, being its chairman. He was also township treasurer for three years, and has been a member of the school board for many. His religious connection is with the Bethel Pres. Church, of which he has been elder for a long time and is now an occupant of that office.

P.S. Grandfather was one of the first Elders of the Church, the other was a Chalmers from Key West. They were the ones who got it started, and I think the first meeting was in a school house at Mallory. There is some of that on record in our Church here, brought in from the Bethel Church at Mallory.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Howard Rutherford OK  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 624 20<sup>th</sup> St N.W. East Grand Forks Minn 56721  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 773-0870  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rt 1, Euclid

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Fanny COUNTY Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 423 owned - farm 1037 acres. ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) abstract

E 1/2 SW 1/4 and Lots 6 & 7 Section 6 Township 151 N  
Range 47 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1886	Father to Robert
<u>Thomas Rutherford</u>	TO 1918	
next owner	1918	Father to
<u>Robert Rutherford</u>	1983	<u>Howard</u>
next owner	1983	
<u>Howard Rutherford</u>	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Howard Rutherford  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 1-27-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? it was a homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 143 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 0

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ontario, Canada

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? same

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes, until 1918

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes, the house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1889

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Sugar Beets, wheat, and Barley

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Thomas Ruthford was on original board of Huntville Fire Ins. Help start Keystone Presbyterian Church. Help start Jamnig townships of Polk co. My Grandfather was active in many organizations that started in East Grand Forks and Grand Forks, North Dakota



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Marvin R. Skaug  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

Beltrami

Mn.

56517

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(218)  
area code

926-5545

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

10

TOWNSHIP

Reis

COUNTY

Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

1040

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Application No. 3668  
Homestead Certificate No 3028  
Recorded in Vol 6 Page 380

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SW 1/4 of NE 1/4  
W 1/2 of SE 1/4 + SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec 10 Twp 147 N of range 46

West of 5<sup>th</sup> principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Richard Martin Skaug</u> first owner	FROM 1880	Father of
<u>Richard Martin Skaug</u> next owner	TO 1917	Martin Reis
<u>Martin Reis Skaug</u> next owner	1917	Father of
<u>Marvin R. Skaug</u> next owner	1945	Marvin R.
<u>Marvin R. Skaug</u> next owner	1945	Father of
<u>Michael Richard Skaug</u> next owner	1986	Michael R.
<u>Operating Farm since 1980</u>		
<u>Formed "M. R. Skaug Farm Inc" in 1977</u>		

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER Original Certificate in 1886 No 3028

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Marvin R. Skaug

(signature of present owner)

DATE

April 4 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Decorah Iowa (1879)

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

A traveling Lay Minister

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1880 - a portion is still used.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat, barley, corn, sunflower

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

the flowing well dug in 1885 or so  
is still being used for water

OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Ole E Vigoren

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Hully

M. N

56646

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 435-6129

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

13

TOWNSHIP

Bransford

COUNTY

Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

288

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1948 1884

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

1985

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NW 1/4 NW 1/4 S24 R2S4W4E8A of SW 1/4 NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Ole E Vigoren

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Elling Vigoren</u>	1884 - 1919	Father of George
next owner <u>George Vigoren</u>	1919 - 1948	Father of Ole
next owner <u>Ole E Vigoren</u>	1948 - Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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( ) County Land Record

( ) Other

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Ole E Vigoren

(signature of present owner)

DATE

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Miron & Laura Widrig  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt 1 Fertile Box 74 Minn 56540  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (218) 945-6396  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP Liberty 147 N COUNTY POLK  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY December 1885  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S 1/2 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Eliza Ann Widrig Henery *Widrig	1885 - 1896	Son
next owner Jane A Widrig William H Widrig	1896 - 1913	Son
next owner Jess R Widrig Will Widrig & Andrena	1913 - 1963	Son
next owner Miron & Laura Widrig	1963 - 1986	
next owner		

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|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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Miron Widrig  
(signature of present owner)

DATE March 31 - 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? St Paul Minneapolis Railway

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ Total 147.60

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Original Home is still in use

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Grain farm.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

GLENN BURNHAM  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R.R. 1

HANCOCK

MINN

56244

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612)

392-5552

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

34

TOWNSHIP

WALDEN

COUNTY

POPE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

123.4

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

HOMESTEAD 1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

S.W. 1/4 S.W. 1/4 + LOTS 1 and 2 Sec. 34 Twp. 124 RANGE 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>SAMUEL BURNHAM</u>	FROM <u>1873</u> TO <u>1881</u>	<u>HUSBAND + FATHER</u> <u>HENRIETTA WIFE</u> <u>and CHILDREN</u>
next owner <u>HENRIETTA BURNHAM</u> <u>AND CHILDREN</u>	<u>1881</u> <u>1912</u>	<u>MOTHER, BROTHERS,</u> <u>+ SISTERS of FRED</u>
next owner <u>FRED BURNHAM</u>	<u>1912</u> <u>1948</u>	<u>FATHER</u> <u>GLENN</u>
next owner <u>GLENN BURNHAM</u>	<u>1948</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (A)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent (X)

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Glenn Burnham  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

July 10 1986

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? HOMESTEAD

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 123.4

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Pineau

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Soy Beans, Corn + Wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Vernon Pederson  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Route 2 <sup>Box 136</sup> Starbuck MINN. 56381  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 239-2585  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP Blue Mounds COUNTY Pope  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 36 Township 124 North  
Range 39 west

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Olaus Pederson</u>	<u>1883</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>Father of Elmer</u>
next owner <u>Elmer Pederson</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>1959</u> <del>1960</del>	<u>Husband of Mabel</u>
next owner <u>Mabel Pederson</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Mother of Vernon</u>
next owner <u>Vernon Pederson</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>- present</u>	
next owner			

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( ) Land Patent      ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed      ☒ Other title opinion

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Vernon Pederson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? My grandfather homesteaded this farm

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?                     

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Olav

was an insurance salesman for a township mutual in latter years

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? We (Dorothy & Vernon) used logs

from the original log house in our new family room

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1961

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, beans, alfalfa

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Seven brothers came from Norway - 5 of them homesteaded farms very close to each other - 3 of these so close that they shared one small grove of trees - The building sites of these farms measure less than a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile with our farm in the center of this arrangement. Of this Pederson clan, we are the only descendants still residing on any of these farm sites.

We are planning for a large Pederson reunion on Aug 10, 1986 at our farm home.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Clifford A. and Helen A. Mickelson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Hancock Minnesota 56244  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 795-2589  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 7 & 8 TOWNSHIP Walden COUNTY Pope

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NW 1 of Sect. 8  
Township 124 Range 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1881-	
Engebret Mickelson	TO 1909	Father of Mother
next owner	1909-	
Martin E. Mickelson	1940	Father of Clifford
next owner	1940-	
Clifford Mickelson	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed (X) OTHER

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X Cliff Mickelson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 6, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Betsy Mickelson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 119 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? House

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy/Grain Farming

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 115 (this name will appear on certificate)  
REDWOOD FALLS Minnesota 56283  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 644-5737  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 4 and 9 TOWNSHIP DELHI COUNTY REDWOOD

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 90

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 section 9 and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section 4  
Township 113 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Olsen Wayland</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>Father of Anna</u>
next owner <u>Anna Pedersen</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>Mother or in-law</u>
next owner <u>John Pedersen</u> <u>Gertrude Becker</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>Present</u>	
next owner <u>Alvin Pedersen</u> <u>Benjamin Lutzgen</u>			
next owner			

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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Alvin Pedersen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-28-86

RR 2 Box 115 Please Return To:  
Redwood Falls Minn

56283 CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GARY & DIANNE DONNER  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RR#1 Box 58 Belview, MN 56214  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 938-4322  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Swedes Forest<sup>114</sup> COUNTY Redwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 276.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 28, 1884

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

Sec 28 TWP 114 Range 37 NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  & S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Ex Church & SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Ex TOWN HALL

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>EVEN SAMPSON</u>	FROM <u>1884</u> TO <u>1910</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>GEORGE SAMPSON</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>SON</u> <del>FATHER</del>
next owner <u>LONA (SAMPSON) DONNER</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>DAUGHTER</u> <del>MOTHER</del>
next owner <u>GARY &amp; DIANNE DONNER</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>SON</u>
next owner		

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Original Deed (X) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Dianne Donner  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4/25/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Elias A. Drake

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$5.75

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Wisconsin

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1969

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Steven V. Jones

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Redwood Falls

MN

56283

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 637-3816

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

RR 11 Danborn, MN 56083

SECTION

28

TOWNSHIP

Willow Lake

COUNTY

Redwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1875

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The Southeast Quarter (S.E. 1/4) of Section Number Twenty-eight (28) in Township Number One hundred and ten (110) North of Range Number thirty-six (36) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres more or less.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peter Gorres</u> first owner	<u>1875</u> - <u>1878</u>	<u>Father John</u> of
<u>John Gorres</u> next owner	<u>1878</u> - <u>1916</u>	<u>Father Henry</u> of
<u>Henry Gorres</u> next owner	<u>1916</u> - <u>1958</u>	<u>Father Victor</u> of
<u>Victor Gorres</u> next owner	<u>1958</u> - <u>1985</u>	<u>Father Steve</u> of
<u>Steve Gorres</u> next owner	<u>1985</u> - <u>present</u>	

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Steven V. Jones

(signature of present owner)

DATE

4-29-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John and Helenna Turbes

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80) the other 80 in 1881

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? First home Late 1890

being used as a Storage Shed

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soybeans, wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Lawrence + Lucille Lightfoot  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Vesta Minn. 56292  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 762-3321  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Underwood COUNTY Redwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 280 acres ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 15, 1886 - 11 A.M. ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

North 1/2 of NW 1/4 of section 26 - Township 112 - Range 39 - Containing  
80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP ✓

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Julius Paulsen</u>	<u>1886 - 1943</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Clara Lightfoot</u>	<u>1943 - 1979</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>Lawrence Lightfoot</u>	<u>1979 -</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Lawrence Lightfoot  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 12, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mads Madsen & Anne Kristin Madsen

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Den mark

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? ?

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Part of the House is original

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Soybeans, Corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The present farmer of the land is my  
son William G. Lightfoot a 5th generation  
farmer of part of the land.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER William A. Peterson  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS BELVIEW MINN. 56214  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 938-4449  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP KimTire COUNTY Redwood  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Sept. 4, 1886  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sec-29 TWP-113 Rang-37 - W 1/2 of NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP
<u>Swan W. Peterson</u> <u>Wife Elizabeth</u> first owner	(from) <u>1886</u> (to) <u>1939</u>	TO NEXT OWNER
<u>SWAN W. PETERSON</u> next owner	<u>1886</u> <u>1904</u>	<u>FATHER</u> (MY Grandfather)
<u>Estate</u> next owner	<u>1939</u> <u>1948</u>	<u>family</u>
<u>William PETERSON</u> next owner	<u>1948</u> <u>1965</u>	<u>FATHER</u> (MY Father)
<u>ANNA PETERSON (WIFE)</u> next owner	<u>1965</u> <u>1976</u>	<u>MOTHER</u> (MY Mother)
<u>William A. Peterson, Jr.</u> next owner	<u>1976</u>	

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(☒) Original Deed or contract (☐) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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William A. Peterson Jr.  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 17, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? STATE OF MINN. (FREDERIKSEN & CO. OF CHICAGO, ILL.)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 226

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$7.75

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SWEDEN

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES (1886-1904)

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

Not That I know

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? I DON'T THINK SO

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1959

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? SOYBEANS & CORN

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

This farm has had a Peterson farming it ever since it was broke up. (Grandfather 1<sup>st</sup>) FATHER 2<sup>nd</sup> and now Son, That makes 3 generations.  
*(Swan W. Peterson) William Peterson*  
*William A. Peterson*

The East quarter of farm, is now owned by Roy Peterson's children they are 1<sup>st</sup> cousins of mine, so the original quarter is still in Peterson ownership, that is E 1/2 NW 1/4

I retired in 1985, but I still live on farm. There were neighbors across the road, when they came from Ill., so my Grand parents & family, lived with them until they built something to live in. That farm was a tree claim or homestead.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Douglas G. Tiffany  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Redwood Falls, Minnesota 56283  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 644-3118  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE R.R. #2, Box 43  
25 Delhi  
SECTIONS 30, 31 TOWNSHIP Honner COUNTY Redwood  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Nov. 7, 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sect. 25 Delhi Twp, S 1/2 SW 1/4 Sect. 30 Honner Twp,  
and NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sect. 31 Honner Twp. all in Redwood County.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Fred J. Peabody</u>	<u>1883</u> <u>1909</u>	Father of <u>Henry S., Fred R.,</u> <u>Earl, Vivian, and Jennie</u>
next owner <u>Henry S., Fred R.,</u> <u>Earl, Vivian, and Jennie Peabody</u>	<u>1909</u> <u>1909</u>	children and step children
next owner <u>Elizabeth C. Peabody</u>	<u>1909</u> <u>1938</u>	grandmother
next owner <u>Donald, Margaret,</u> <u>James G. Robert, Douglas, and John</u> <u>Tiffany</u>	<u>1938</u> <u>1974</u>	aunt, uncles, and father
next owner <u>Douglas G. Tiffany</u>	<u>1974</u> to present	

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(☒) Abstract of Title                      (☐) Court file in Registration Proceedings  
(☐) Land Patent                              (☐) County Land Record  
(☐) Original Deed                              (☐) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Douglas G. Tiffany  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 31, 1986

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? My great grandfather bought it from P.L. Dansingburg

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Unclear, however mortgaged for \$750

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Woodstock, New Brunswick, Canada

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes, although he delegated much work to his son.

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? He was a railway conductor and jeweler.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? It was a homestead, but was not secured by filing a claim.

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1889

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, grain sorghum, soy beans

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The woodlands and the Redwood River Valley on this farm provide excellent wildlife habitat. The land is managed with an eye toward soil and water conservation. Area horsemen ride through this farm each year and local agriculture classes study native plants on the premises. I think my great-grandfather, Fred J. Peabody, would find this land nearly as unspoiled as it was when he bought this farm.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER JOHN M TIFFANY  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RT 1 Box 18 Redwood Falls MINNESOTA 56283  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 644-2050  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP Redwood Falls COUNTY Redwood  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/4 Sec 13 - 111-36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner MATTHEW TIFFANY	1886 - 1891	BROTHER OF JARED
next owner MARY C & J.J. TIFFANY	1891 - 1925	PARENTS OF DOUGALD
next owner DOUGALD M TIFFANY	1925 - 1978	FATHER OF JOHN M.
next owner JOHN M. TIFFANY	1978 - Present	
next owner		

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☐ Original Deed      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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John M Tiffany  
(signature of present owner)  
DATE 8 July 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Allen M. Breitkreutz  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R.R. 1 - Box 49 - Danube, MN. 56230  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 826-2464  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 114 (Flora) COUNTY (36) Renville  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 100

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 10-22-1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

S.W. 4 of Sec. 25 - Township 114 - Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Emil Breitkreutz</u>	<u>Oct. 22 - 1885 - 1897</u>	<u>Cousin</u>
next owner <u>Ferdinand Breitkreutz</u>	<u>Jan. 12 - 1897 - 1902</u>	<u>Brother</u>
next owner <u>Anna L. Breitkreutz</u>	<u>Jan. 13 - 1902 - 1918</u>	<u>Cousins</u>
next owner <u>Wilhelmine Breitkreutz</u>	<u>May 13 - 1918 - 1933</u>	<u>Wife of Emil</u>
next owner <u>Emil Breitkreutz</u>	<u>Dec. 4 - 1933 - 1941</u>	<u>Grandpa of Emil J. &amp; Paul O. Breitkreutz</u>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent       | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of present owner)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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# PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
next owner first owner Emil J. Breitkreutz Paul O. Breitkreutz	April-1-1941-1969	Both husbands Anna + Katherine
next owner Emil's 1/2 interest to Anna Paul O. Breitkreutz Katherine	May 9-1969-Probate July-12-1974-Probate	Anna Aunt of Allen Katherine-Mother of Allen
next owner Probate Deed from Katherine to Allen 1/2 Interest	Aug. 24-1978-Present	Mother of Allen
next owner Anna deeded to Allen	Aug. 31-1978-Present	Aunt of Allen
next owner		

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|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Land Record          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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Allen M. Breitkreutz  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

( )

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

COUNTY

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent  
( ) Original Deed

- ( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings  
( ) County Land Record  
( ) Other

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(signature of present owner)

DATE

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Land department of the Hastings + Dakota  
Railway Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

40 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

\$300.00 for 40 acres

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE?

Yes - Barn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1978

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Wheat, Corn, Soy-beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

First Owner Emil Breithkneutz was a ~~great~~ Grand-father of Present owner Allen Breithkneutz

Have original copy of land purchase from Railways Co.

Also original copy to secure Homestead which is signed by President - U.S. Grant.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Algort Peterson & Adolph Peterson  
(this name will appear on certificate) OK

ADDRESS Box 507 Renville Minnesota 56284

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 329-3433 CITY Renville STATE Minnesota ZIP CODE 56284  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP 116 COUNTY Renville

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 237

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 22, 1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E½ of NW¼ Sec. 35 Twp 116, Rge 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> Charley Peterson aka Charles Peterson, Carl Peterson	June 22 March 11 FROM 1885 TO 1923	Husband & Father
<u>next owner</u> Johanna M. Peterson et al	March 11 Dec. 14 FROM 1923 TO 1956	Mother, Brothers & Sisters
<u>next owner</u> Algort Peterson & Adolph Peterson	Dec. 14 FROM 1956 TO Present	
<u>next owner</u>	FROM TO	
<u>next owner</u>	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title (x) Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER Land Record Receipts

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Algort Peterson  
Adolph Peterson  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE September 12, 1985

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55105

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Hastings and Dakota Railroad Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$8.00 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Neighbor

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No-Railroad Land

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? House still standing but not used.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1905

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Donald Forkrud & Audrey Forkrud  
Rt. 1, Box 40 (this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Sacred Heart Mn. 56285  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 765-2302  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 114 COUNTY Renville

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 133.59

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4  
of NW 1/4 and U.S. Government Lots 3 and 4 of Section 22; U.S. Government Lot  
1 in Section 21, all in Township 114 Range 37.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) 1882 (to) 1883	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Halvor H. Tufto	" "	Father of Lars
next owner Lars E. Tufto	1883 1927	Father of Alfred Halvor Olga Andrew Alma
next owner Halvor Tufto Alfred Tufto, Andrew Tufto Olga Tufto, Alma Odegard	1927 1937	Sisters & Brothers
next owner Halvor Tufto Olga Tufto Anderson	1937 1942	Wife
next owner Arlie & Olga (Tufto) Anderson Donald & Audrey Forkrud	1942 1973	Father & Mother Present of Audrey Anderson Forkrud

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☐ Land Patent ☐ County Land Record  
☐ Original Deed ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Donald Forkrud & Audrey Forkrud  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 7, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

DANIEL F LACANNE

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R.R. 4

FARIBO

MINN

55021

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(334) 5741

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

29

TOWNSHIP

WELL'S

COUNTY

RICE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

351

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

April 11, 1881

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The North Fifty (50) Acres of the West One Hundred forty acres of the S.W. Quarter of Section (32) Township 110 Range 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Louis LaCanne</u> first owner	FROM <u>apr. 11, 1881</u> TO <u>1924</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Desiree LaCanne</u> next owner	<u>1924 - 1948</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Vincent LaCanne</u> next owner	<u>1948 - 1985</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Daniel LaCanne</u> next owner	<u>Dec. 1985 -</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Daniel La</u>		

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☒

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER quit claim deed dated Apr. 11, 1881

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Daniel F LaCanne

(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

5-3-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Desiree Suisse + Virginia Suisse

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 50 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Belgium

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Belgium

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Bricklayer

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn Soybeans Alf

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mainly Dairy Operation.



ok

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Robert W. Meyer  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RR #2 Box 92 Kenyon, Minn. 55946  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 789 5779  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Richland COUNTY Rice  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1874  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  109 Range 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Henry William Kuhlman	1874 - 1906	Father of Ludwig
next owner Ludwig Kuhlman	1906 - 1911	Brother of William
next owner William Kuhlman	1911 - 1958	Father-in-law of Robert W. Meyer
next owner Robert W. Meyer	1958 - present	
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert W. Meyer  
(signature of present owner)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Charles Piepho on Nov8, 1868

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany (Kuhlman)

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? It was not the original home, but the present home was built around 1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, beans & alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: In July of 1856 The farm was purchased by John S. Ireland. Several more people owned the land until 1868. William and Louisa Kuhlman bought it and there have been Kuhlman's, or relatives of, living on this farm since then. The farm went through foreclosure, several mortgage holders owning it for a time the family remained. The first Kuhlman family in 1868, William and Louisa were parents of Henry William, and Great grandfather to the wife of Robert W. Meyer, present owner.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY Orvin + Nancy Wiertzema OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Archie + Roxy Bonnett

ORV + NANCYS - 1503 Sherwood (this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Worthington, Mn 56187, Archie + Roxy - Magnolia, Minn.  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 376 5980 or 507 283 2505  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Magnolia, Minnesota

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Magnolia COUNTY Rock

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct 16, 1886 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec 26 range 44 West 80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP ✓

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Thomas Bonnett</u>	<u>1886 - 1937</u>	<u>Father of Archie Sr.</u>
next owner <u>Archie Bonnett Sr.</u>	<u>1937 - 1973</u>	<u>Nancy Wiertzema Father of Archie Jr.</u>
next owner <u>Orvin + Nancy Bonnett Wiertzema</u> <u>Archie + Roxy Bonnett Jr.</u>	<u>1973 - Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Nancy Wiertzema  
 (signature of present owner)

DATE 3-21-1986

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 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
 ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? James + Annie Woodley

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? about \$13.13 - Total Cost \$1050

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Wisconsin

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes, Archie Jr + Family are living there

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1886

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn + soy beans

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Grandpa Tom Bonnett bought this 80 acres Oct 16 1886 + on Feb 8, 1893 he bought the 80 acres next to it, (w<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> sec 26)  
I don't know exactly when the 80's were changed from East + West to North + South which it is now.  
That is the reason Archie + my name are both on it, we inherited the whole 160 acres from our dad Archie Sr. when he died.  
I (Nancy) took the S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> + Archie Jr. N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. So Archie + Roxy Bonnett own 40 acres + Orvin + Nancy Wiertzema own 40 acres of the original 80 acres bought by our grandfather in 1886  
If possible send two certificates. 1 for Orvin + Nancy Bonnett Wiertzema + 1 for Archie + Roxy Bonnett

OK

# PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

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(signature of present owner)

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? railroad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? soybeans & corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

A. Evelyn Rognley

(Watch Spelling)

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

A. Evelyn Rognley  
(this name will appear on certificate)

A. Evelyn Rognley

ADDRESS

Hills

Minn.

56138

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 962-3377  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

25

TOWNSHIP

101

COUNTY

Rock

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Of Section Twenty-Five (25) in Township One Hundred One

(101) North of Range Forty Six (46) West of the 5th P. M.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Paul O. Sandbo Paul O. Sandbo	FROM 1885 TO 1888	Father of Hans
next owner Hans Sandbo Rognley Hans P. Sandbo Rognley	1888 1945	Father of Melvin
next owner Melvin Rognley et al Melvin Rognley et al	1945	Brother of Evelyn
next owner A. Evelyn Rognley A. Evelyn Rognley	1945 Present	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒  
Land Patent ☐  
Original Deed ☐

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
County Land Record ☐  
OTHER ☐

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. A. Evelyn Rognley

A. Evelyn Rognley  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

Sept 23 - 1985

Phone: 507-962-3377

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ELLEN ANFINSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS ELKO MN. 55020  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 461-2112  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME  
SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP NEW MARKET COUNTY SCOTT  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY JULY 6 1886  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 27 AND THE NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 34  
ALL IN TWP 113 RANGE 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ANFIN ANFINSON</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1908</u>	<u>SON</u>
next owner <u>LOUIS ANFINSON</u>	<u>1908</u>	<u>1924</u>	
next owner <u>ELLEN ANFINSON</u>	<u>1924</u>	<u>- PRESENT</u>	<u>DAUGHTER</u>
next owner			
next owner			

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☐ Original Deed

- ☐ Court file in Registration Proceedings  
☐ County Land Record  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Ellen Anfinson  
(signature of present owner)  
DATE July 8 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? MARTIN WOLF

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO, BUT THE GRANERY AND PART OF BARN WAS BUILT SHORTLY AFTER

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1914

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? DAIRY FARM

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: My Grandfather lived on a farm near Northfield and happened to get acquainted with the man that owned this farm and he loaned him some money. I believe it was \$600.00. This man didn't like to farm so he said for my Grandpa to take the farm for payment of that loan. He and Grandma moved there and kept the Northfield farm for another son.

In 1901 the Chicago Milwaukee R.R. came there and bought the right of way thru this farm (acres). They discontinued this Rail Road about five years ago and I bought the old R.R. bed back for \$600.00 and the story goes that Grandpa sold it for \$600.00. Most of the lumber used in building the present home in 1914 was out of logs from the farm, taken to a sawmill and made into lumber.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Anthony & Alice Deno (this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR2 DAYLORD MINN state 55334 zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 237-2641 city area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP DRYDEN COUNTY SIBLEY

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY mar 19, 1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, W 1/2 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, SEC 36 TWP 113  
RANGE 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Herman Otto</u>	<u>1885 - 1929</u>	<u>father of Herman</u>
next owner <u>Herman A. Otto</u>	<u>1929 - 1961</u>	<u>father of Alice</u>
next owner <u>Anthony &amp; Alice Deno</u>	<u>1961 - 1986</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Anthony Deno  
Alice Deno  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Herman Otto Estate

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 200.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1870

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, soybeans, wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



sk

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Orville Kloempken, and wife, EMMA  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R1 Box 77A HAMBURG, MN. 55339  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 467-3874  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP WASHINGTON LAKE COUNTY Sibley

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ~~1866~~ 1866

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NE 1/4 of Section 3 Township 114 Range 26  
West of 5th principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<del>Wm Engel</del>		
first owner <u>Wm ENGEL</u>	<u><del>1866</del> 1866</u> <u>1883</u>	<u>Father of</u> <u>Sibilla</u>
next owner <u>William Kloempken</u> <u>Wife Sibilla</u>	<u>1883</u> <u>1920</u>	<u>Father of</u> <u>Gerhard</u>
next owner <u>Gerhard Kloempken</u> <u>Wife Lydia</u>	<u>1920</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>Father of</u> <u>Orville</u>
next owner <u>Orville Kloempken</u> <u>Wife Emma</u>	<u>1956 - present</u>	
next owner		

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title        | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent              | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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Orville Kloempken  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-10-1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? MINN. VALLEY RAIL ROAD CO.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? TOTAL COST \$409.<sup>95</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1981

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy & Soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I do not know if it was a Homestead, but I was told my Grandmother was born on this farm in 1859. (Sibilla)

My son Lance is now farming with me & hopes to own it some day.

Oreille K. Loempken

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Nelfred Krueger  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt. 2 Box 16 B Winthrop MN Box 16 B 55396  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 647-5802  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR 2  
SECTIONS 13 + 24 TOWNSHIP 113 (Bismark) COUNTY Sibley  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Sept. 15, 1874  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
South half of the Southeast Quarter Section 13-113-30  
East half of the Northeast Quarter Section 24-113-30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>August Krueger</u>	<u>1874 — 1898</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Charles H. Krueger</u>	<u>1898 — 1948</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Nelfred Krueger</u>	<u>1948 — Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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☐ Original Deed

- ☐ Court file in Registration Proceedings  
☐ County Land Record  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Nelfred Krueger  
(signature of present owner)  
DATE June 30, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

{ U.S. Government and the  
Winona + St. Peter Land Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

240

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

(Unknown)

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE?

No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1907

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

corn wheat Oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

soy Beans

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Roy and Marlene Soeffker  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR#2 Box 114 Arlington, Minnesota 55307 OK

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 964-5370

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

16

TOWNSHIP

113 Arlington

COUNTY

Goodhue Sibley

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

100

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

11/5/1885 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

Section 16 TWP-113 Range-27 W 1/2 of SW 1/4, W 10 A of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 EX 17 A, W 10 A of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, 134 A of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 100.17 AC

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	1885 YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>HENRY ROEHLER TO Wilhelmina Soeffker</u>		
first owner	FROM NOV 5, 1885	
<u>Wilhelmina Soeffker</u>	TO MAR 14, 1887	MOTHER of HENRY
next owner	MAR 14, 1887	
<u>HENRY Soeffker</u>	Dec 14, 1914	FATHER of William
next owner	Dec 14, 1914	
<u>William H. Soeffker</u>	Sept 19, 1949	HUSBAND of ANNA
next owner	Sept 19, 1949	
<u>ANNA Soeffker</u>	Jan 2, 1958	MOTHER of Roy
next owner	Jan 2, 1958	
<u>Roy W. Soeffker</u>	Present	

MARLENE SOEFFKER NAME added to deed 1985

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Abstract of Title ( )

Court file in Registration Proceedings (X)

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER We have all the old papers & Warranty deeds beginning 1885

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Roy W. Soeffker  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

10/9/85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? 1st owner on record was Henry Roehler - July 23, 1868

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Deed states price (total) \$2500.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? (Wilhelmina Soeffker was daughter of Henry Roehler)

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? We assume she was born on this farm

DID ~~HE~~ FARM THE LAND? yes - she & her husband did

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Henry Soeffker

son of Wilhelmina, owned farm 1887 - 1914 - He WAS A VETERINARIAN ALSO

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1925 - (by William & Anna Soeffker)

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soy Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

12/14/1914 - (FATHER) Henry Soeffker to (SON) Wm. Soeffker  
Price on deed stated at \$16000.00



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER William J. Templin and Karen A. Templin  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R. 2 Box 97 Gibbon, Minnesota 55335  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 834-6787  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP Moltke COUNTY Sibley  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 280  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Nov. 17 1885  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 of Sec. 14 Twp. 113 Range 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Templin	1885	1935	Husband of Catharina
next owner Catharina Templin widow	1935	1944	Mother of William H.
next owner William H. & Helene Templin	1944	1969	Husband of Helene
next owner Helene Templin widow	1969	1979	Mother Of William J.
next owner William J. & Karen A. Templin	1979	present	

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(x) Abstract of Title ( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
(x) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

William J. Templin  
Karen A. Templin  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-5-1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? August Schubert and Friederike Schubert

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Wisconsin

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1904

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn Soybeans

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The farm has only had three operators in its first 100 years of Templin ownership, namely John Templin, William H. Templin, youngest son of John and Catharina Templin, and William J. Templin, son of William and Helene Templin, whom with his wife, Karen are the present owners and operators.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Earl E. Wieman  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt. 1 Box 103 Arlington, MN 55307  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 964-2382  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Dryden COUNTY Sibley  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NE 1/4 Section 12 Twp. 113 Range 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Henry Wiemann	1886	1894	father of John
next owner John Wiemann	1894	1939	wife of John
next owner Johanna Wiemann	1939	1944	mother of Walter
next owner Walter Wiemann	1944	1954	wife of Walter
next owner Amy Wieman Earl Wieman	1954 1960	1960 present	son of Amy

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Earl E. Wieman  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-19-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John Paulmann

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Total price \$4,000.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? He came from Rinteln, Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? unknown

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

unknown

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? none

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1899

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? dairy. oats. wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

corn, soybeans

The barn burned in 1978 and the house was struck by lightning in 1964 and had to be redone inside and out.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER HENRY. B. ARNOLD  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Eden Valley Minnesota 55329 55329  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 453-5410  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Luxembourg COUNTY Stearns  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 78  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1866  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
So. 1/2 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 30, Twp. 122 No. Range 30 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner George Arnold	1866	1903	Father of Martin
next owner Martin Arnold	1903	1950	Father of Henry
next owner Henry Arnold	1950	Present	
next owner			
next owner			

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title      | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceeding |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Patent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Land Record         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                           |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Henry B Arnold  
(signature of present owner)

DATE Sept 1- 1985

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S.A.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 156

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Stein Am Rhein Switzerland

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes on the other half of the homestead

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? The home on this half the homestead was built in Approx 1906

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn & beans

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Grandfather George Arnold come to America from Stein Am Rhein Switzerland in 1857. In early 1858 He came to Stillwater, Minnesota Territory. On April 29, 1861 he enlisted in Co. B. First Minnesota Volunteer Regiment. He was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg July 2nd 1863. Mustered out at Fort Snelling on April 29, 1864. He left a Diary during the War. In 1866 he homesteaded the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 30. Twp. 122 No. Range 30 West. The Twp was organized in 1866 as Luxembourg Twp. in Stearns Co. Four brothers George, Christian, John, and Henry Arnold homesteaded all of Section 30 in Luxembourg Twp. They built a log dugout exactly in the center of the section so each could live and sleep in their quarter section which was necessary to "Prove Up" on their homesteads. There are over one thousand decendants of George Arnold



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Myra Arnold  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Eden Valley, Minnesota 56329  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 453-6772  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Luxembourg COUNTY Stearns  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 78  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1866  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Twp 122 No. Range 30 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner George Arnold	1866 1903	Father of George
next owner George Arnold	1903 - 1950	Father of Isadore
next owner Isadore Arnold	1950 - 1977	Husband of Myra
next owner Myra Arnold	1977 - Present	
next owner		

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( ) Abstract of Title ( ) Court file in Registration Proceeding  
(X) Land Patent (X) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Myra Arnold  
(signature of present owner)

DATE Sept 9, 1985

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S.A.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 156

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Stein Am Rhein, Switzerland

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes A log home Built in 1872

still serves as the home on this farm, A log Dougout served in 1866

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & Beans

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Grandfather George Arnold came to America from Stein Am Rhein Switzerland in 1857. In early 1858 He came to Stillwater, Minnesota Territory. April 29, 1861 he enlisted in Co. B. First Minnesota Volunteer Regiment. He was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg July 2nd. 1863 Mustered out at Fort Snelling on April 29, 1864. He left a Diary during the War. In 1866 he homesteaded the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 30. Twp. 122 No. Range 30 West. The Twp. was organized as Luxembourg Twp. in Stearns Co. in 1866. Four brothers George, Christian, John, and Henry Arnold homesteaded all of Section 30 in Luxembourg Twp. They built a log dugout in the center of the section so each could live and sleep in their quarter section which was necessary to "Prove UP" on their homesteads. There are over one thousand decendants of George Arnold.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Boni + Dick Behnen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR1 Box 105, Richmond, MN 56368  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 597-3068  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Munson COUNTY Stearns

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 230

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead 1862

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

S 1/2 NE 1/4 - 12 township 123 Range 31, E 1/2 SE 1/4 - 12 township 123 Range 31  
W 1/2 NW 1/4 - 7 123N Range 30 ← bought 1882 from Railroad

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Herman Behnen</u>	<u>1862 - 1898</u>	<u>Father of John T. + Margaretha</u>
next owner <u>John T. BEHNEN Margaretha Harte</u>	<u>1898 - 1908</u>	<u>John T. Bought Margaretha's Share</u>
next owner <u>John T. BEHNEN (solo owner)</u>	<u>1908 - 1932</u>	
next owner <u>Edward + Martha Behnen</u>	<u>1932 - 1982</u>	<u>Son of John T.</u>
next owner <u>Richard + Boni Behnen</u>	<u>1982 - Present</u>	<u>Son of Edward</u>

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Land Record          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Richard Behnen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 8, 1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Homestead + Purchased from  
St. Paul, Minneapolis + Manitoba Railway Co. (1882)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Just the basement

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1951

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

(bought 1882)  
Except for the parcel in section 7, R.  
township 123, Range 30, all other parcels came at different  
times but were all in the Behnen family well  
over 100 yrs.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Clarence Borgending  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Route 1, Box 97  
Freeport Minn 56331  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 836 2805  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP Oak COUNTY Stearns

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 257.77

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section Three, Township 125 North  
of Range 32 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Henry &amp; Caroline Borgending</u>	<u>till 1870</u>	<u>No relation</u>
next owner <u>Bernard Borgending</u>	<u>1870 - 1887</u>	<u>father of Frank</u>
next owner <u>Frank Borgending</u>	<u>1887 - 1941</u>	<u>father of Alphonse</u>
next owner <u>Alphonse Borgending</u>	<u>1941 - 1972</u>	<u>father of Clarence</u>
next owner <u>Clarence Borgending</u>	<u>1972 - present</u>	

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( ) Land Patent      ( ) County Land Record  
(☒) Original Deed      ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Clarence Borgending  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 22 1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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- 1 ✓ FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Henry & Caroline Borgundy
  - 2 HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? don't know
  - 3 ✓ WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? don't know
  - 4 WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Bernard Grand Duke of Oldenburg  
Germany
  - 5 DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes
  - 6 DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No
  - 7 WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes Log house built in 1870
  - 8 IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes
  - 9 WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1907
  - 10 WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - Oats - Alfalfa -  
Milk cows
- ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Henry J. Deters (this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 154 Belgrade MN 56312  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 981-3274  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Lake George COUNTY Stearns  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 210  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1966 1880  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NE 1/4 township 124 Range 34  
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 township 124 Range 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Frank Deters Sr.</u>	<u>1880 - 1920</u>	<u>Father of Frank Jr.</u>
next owner <u>Frank Deters Jr.</u>	<u>1920 - 1966</u>	<u>Father of Henry</u>
next owner <u>Henry J. Deters</u>	<u>1966 - present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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( ) Abstract of Title  
( ) Land Patent  
(X) Original Deed

( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings  
( ) County Land Record  
(X) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

HENRY J. DETERS  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-14-86

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? from Henry's Father

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? ~~20~~ 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Don't know

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

grade roads

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1979 built new barn 1973

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn oats + alfalfa

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Indians were living around here  
when Henry's Grandpa started farming.

Henry J. Peters  
Rt. 2 Box 154  
Belgrade, Minn 56312

Dear Sir

I send you a Century form application, but since I got more information. I talked to a relative, Robert Silbernack, whose mother was a Peters and is 99 years old and was born on our farm.

He said the Peters homestead must be about 150 years old.

I called our attorney to look over our abstract, as I didn't really understand it all. The attorney according to the information on the abstract thought it would be dated back to 1850.



If you would like more  
information, you can get in  
contact with Robert Silbervick  
Albany, Minnesota. He knows  
from way back.

Hope this does not  
cause any confusion with  
my previous letter.

Sincerely yours  
Henry J. Deten

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Elmer Hennen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 2 Richmond Mn. 56368  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 597-2531  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 7+12 TOWNSHIP Luxemburg COUNTY Stearns

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 214

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The North One-half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter  
(N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of section twelve, (12) Township One Hundred  
twenty-two (122) Range 31 West  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Hennen</u>	<u>1882 - 1932</u>	<u>Father of Martin</u>
next owner <u>Martin Hennen</u>	<u>1932 - 1970</u>	<u>Father of Elmer</u>
next owner <u>Elmer Hennen</u>	<u>1970 - present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent              | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Contract for Deed</u>         |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Elmer A. Hennen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 27, 1986

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:





PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Elmer M. Kaufman  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R.R. # 1 Box 437 Watkins Minnesota 55389  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 764 - 2220  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP 122 - R 30 COUNTY Stearns  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883  
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 28, T 122 R 30 Plat # 5807

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Wm. & Magdalena Jones	1880 - 1883	Father of Ruth Kaufman
next owner Ruth Kaufman & Martin Kaufman	1883 - 1935	Mother of Wm. Kaufman
next owner Wm. Kaufman & Applonia Kaufman	1935 - 1966	Father of Elmer Kaufman
next owner Elmer M. Kaufman	1966 - to present	Son
next owner		

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☒ Land Patent      ☐ County Land Record  
☐ Original Deed      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

X Elmer M. Kaufman  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 30, 1986

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Samuel Cossairt

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$3.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweaden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

Martin Kaufman was a U.S. Mail Carrier untill Death, Wm. Kaufman U.S. Mail Carrier.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes, House

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1889

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Hay, Grain

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Ernest Klaverkamp  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 8

St. Cloud

Minn

56301

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612)  
area code

252-6235

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

13

TOWNSHIP

St. Augusta

COUNTY

Stearns

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

448

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1875

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NE4NW4, SW4NE4, NW4NE4, N2SE4

Township 123 Range 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Joseph Klaverkamp</u>	<u>1875</u>	<u>Father of</u>
next owner	TO	<u>Hubert</u>
<u>Hubert Klaverkamp</u>	<u>1922</u>	<u>Father of</u>
next owner	<u>1957</u>	<u>Ernest</u>
<u>Ernest Klaverkamp</u>	<u>1957</u>	
next owner	<u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Dean Klaverkamp (son of Ernest) PLEASE RETURN TO:  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-30-86

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

\* We wish to give the plaque to Ernest as a gift.

Please send any correspondence to Dean Klaverkamp RR 8 St. Cloud  
Minn. 56301.



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy - Corn - Alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LINUS A. MEYER  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.1 Box 24 Melrose MN 56352  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 987-3549  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP GROVE COUNTY STEARNS

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 235

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 15, 1869

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 17 AND NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 18, AND 5 1/2 SE 1/4 (West 75 Acres)  
Sec. 8 AND N 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 17 Twp. 125N R. 33W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Henry Meyer</u>	<u>1869</u>	<u>1889</u>	<u>FATHER of Henry G.</u>
next owner <u>Henry G. MEYER</u>	<u>1889</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>FATHER of ALFRED</u>
next owner <u>ALFRED B. MEYER</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>FATHER of Linus</u>
next owner <u>LINUS A. MEYER</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>Present</u>	
next owner			

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|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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Linus A. Meyer  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/24/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes, barn & house

smoke house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1889

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy, CORN, ALFALFA, OATS.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

utility ROWW ① stake of Minnesota Highway ④  
② standard Oil  
③ NW Bell

consideration  
2.4 AC \$/100



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DAVID & EVELYN MROSLA  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS BOWLUS MINN 56314  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 584-5608  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP BROCKWAY COUNTY STEARNS

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 350 ACRES

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY APR 30, 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

Sec-33 Rang-29 Twp-127 NE4 LESS 20.65 A + E330'  
of NW4NW4 + NE4SW4 LESS 18.34 A + NW4SE4 LESS 15.50 A + SE4NW4  
LESS W495' + NE4NW4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner THOMAS MROZLA	1886	1892	Father of John
next owner JOHN MROZLA	1892	1931	Father of Frank
next owner FRANK MROSLA	1931	1970	Father of David
next owner DAVID MROSLA	1970	PRESENT	
next owner			

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☐ Original Deed ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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David & Evelyn Mrosla  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 30, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? FRANK & IRENE MROSLA

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$200.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? POLAND

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1915

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN & ALFALFA

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*Includes a 51 head of milking cows.  
Replacement Heifers and a Jack Frost Broiler  
Barn of 43,000 Birds.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LEO J. MAEHREN  
Rt. 2, Box 34 (this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS AVON MINNESOTA 56310  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 356-7256  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME  
SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP AVON COUNTY STEARNS  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 194  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  LESS 6.00 A+SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Township 125 RANGE 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>HERMAN MAEHREN, SR.</u>	<u>1878 - 1898</u>	<u>WIFE KATHARINE</u>
next owner <u>KATHARINE MAEHREN</u> <u>WERNER MAEHREN</u>	<u>1898 - 1902</u> <u>1902 - 1910</u>	<u>WIFE ER. J. V. SR.</u> <u>SON OF HERMAN</u>
next owner <u>MARY MAEHREN</u>	<u>1910 - 1958</u>	<u>WIFE of WERNER</u>
next owner <u>MARTIN MAEHREN</u>	<u>1958 - 1970</u>	<u>SON of WERNER</u>
next owner <u>LEO J. MAEHREN</u>	<u>1970 - PRESENT</u>	<u>SON of Martin</u>

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
(X) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Leo J. Maehren  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 15, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? RAIL ROAD

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? MARMACHEN, GERMANY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Oats, corn, Alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER VICTOR and STELLA MELLER  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt. 1 AVON MINN 56310  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 746-2458  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME  
SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP HOLDINGFORD COUNTY STEARNS  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1880  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N 1/2 SE 1/4 SEC 20 TWP 126 RGE 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>George Meller</u>	<u>1880</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>FATHER of FRANK</u>
next owner <u>FRANK MELLER</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>FATHER of VICTOR</u>
next owner <u>VICTOR MELLER</u>	<u>1950 - PRESENT</u>		
next owner			
next owner			

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( ) Land Patent      ( ) County Land Record  
☒ Original Deed      ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Victor Meller

(signature of present owner)

DATE May. 8 - 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded bought from railroad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 105

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1881

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Hay, corn, oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Wilfred + Estella Rosha  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R2 Box 7 Clearwater MN 55320  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 251-8249  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP St Augusta COUNTY Stearns

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 211

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1877

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
20 acres Sect 23 Twp 123 Range 28 N 2 SE 4 SE 4  
80 acres Sect 25 Twp 123 Range 28. W 2 NW 4  
40 " " " " " " N 2 45 W 4

71.43 " Sect 36 " " " " 28. SW 4 SE 4  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Carl Rosha</u>	<u>1877</u> <u>1906</u>	<u>Father of Frank</u>
next owner <u>Frank Rosha</u>	<u>1906</u> - <u>1950</u>	<u>Father of Wilfred</u>
next owner <u>Wilfred Rosha + Estella</u>	<u>1950</u> - <u>1984</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Wilfred + Estella Rosha  
(signature of present owner)

DATE Apr 21 86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Frank was born in Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1912

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn oats & alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

on the abstract of Title. Carl Rosha was spelled Rosa when and where the name was changed to Rosha we don't know.  
also Frank was 4 or 5 years old when he came to the USA

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER John & Marilyn Schoenberg  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R#1, Box 90, Melrose, Mn - 56359 -  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 987-3371  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 8-9-16 TOWNSHIP Spring Hill COUNTY Stearns

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 319

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SE4SE4 Less NW1/4 Rd. Tr. Less 20' E 10A of S3/4SW4SE4  
TWP-124-Range-33 - N2SW4, SW4SW4, W2SE4SW4 - TWP-124, Range-33  
W2/3N3/4W2NE4 Less W5A of S1/3 W2E3/4S2SW4  
NE4 N2NW4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Joseph Schoenberg</u>	<u>1879 - 1887</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Martin Schoenberg</u>	<u>1887 - 1917</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>William Schoenberg</u>	<u>1917 - 1950</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Victor Schoenberg</u>	<u>1950 - 1974</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>John Schoenberg</u>	<u>1974 -</u>	

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John Schoenberg  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7/7/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Alfred & Adeline Ritter  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.#2 Avon Mn. 56310  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 845-2065  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Farming COUNTY STEARNS

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Jan. 8 - 1962

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

SW 1/4 NE 1/4, S 2 NE 4, E 2 SE 4, & S 16.47 A. of NW 4 NE 4,  
Township 124 Range 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Theodore Ritter</u>	<u>1879 - 1917</u>	<u>Father of Simon</u>
next owner <u>Simon Ritter</u>	<u>1917 - 1962</u>	<u>Father of Alfred</u>
next owner <u>Alfred Ritter</u>	<u>1962 - present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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☐ Original Deed ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Alfred Ritter  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6 - 18 - 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? St. Paul, Mpls. Manitoba Railway Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$5.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes house we live in it.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Oats, Corn, Hay, Milk

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



sh

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Howard Shay

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR1 Box 33A Forest Minn 56331  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 837-5282  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP St. Martin COUNTY Stearns

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 acres ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homesteaded

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

46,500 tax statement Section 3 twp 124 Rang 32 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	<u>Martin Shay Homesteaded</u> <u>success</u>	<u>Father of</u> <u>David Shay</u>
next owner	<u>died in Dec 23, 1872</u>	<u>Born July 20, 1868</u>
next owner	<u>Can't find when he was</u>	
next owner	<u>born - was born in</u> <u>Tipperary, Ireland.</u>	
next owner		

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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Howard Shay  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-25-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 360 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Martin's Shaw

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

*Ervin M Stommes*

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS *RR 2 Richmond*

*Mn*

*56368*

PHONE NUMBER *(612) 597 2419*

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION *9* TOWNSHIP *Luxemburg* COUNTY *Stearns*

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT *200*

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY *1882*

LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

*N 3/4 mi West 1/4 From St Nicholas Township Hall*

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<i>John Stommes</i> first owner			
<i>John Stommes</i> next owner	<i>1882</i>	<i>1919</i>	<i>Father of John B.</i>
<i>John Bernard Stommes</i> next owner	<i>1919</i>	<i>1950</i>	<i>Father of Ervin</i>
<i>Ervin M Stommes</i> next owner	<i>1950</i>	<i>Present</i>	
next owner			
next owner			

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( ) Original Deed

- ( ) Court file in Registration Proceeding  
(x) County Land Record  
(x) Other *Stearns County Historical Society*

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*Ervin M Stommes*

(signature of present owner)

DATE *8 30 85*

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 21-22-27

TOWNSHIP

COUNTY

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Bernard E. Eling	Dec. 11 1885 first recorded deed	Father of Bernard
next owner Joseph + Bernard	Dec. 11 1885 Oct 31 1932	Father of Alphonse
next owner Alphonse	Dec. 22 1902 Oct. 31, 1932 - 1962	Father of Anthony
next owner Anthony B.	Dec. 22, 1962 - present	Son
next owner		

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( ) County Land Record  
( ) Other

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

(signature of present owner)

DATE

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 293

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? early 1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy + Grain

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



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This Indenture, Made this 26th day of October, 1965,

between Judith Fuerstenberg, single and of legal age,

of the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, part Y  
of the first part, and Anthony B. Ellering and Mary Margaret Ellering, husband and wife,  
of the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, parties of the second part.

Witnesseth, That the said part Y of the first part, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration - - - - - DOLLARS, to her in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby Grant, Bargain, Quitclaim, and Convey unto the said parties of the second part as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, their assigns, the survivor of said parties, and the heirs and assigns of the survivor, Forever, all the tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Stearns and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

The North Half of the Southeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) except that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Twenty-five (125) North, Range Thirty-three (33) West, described as follows: beginning at the Northeast corner of the said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) thence West nine (9) rods, thence South nine (9) rods, thence East nine (9) rods, thence North nine (9) rods to the place of beginning; also the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) in Section Twenty-one (21), Township One Hundred Twenty-five (125) North, Range Thirty-three (33) West, except the right-of-way of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company; also the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) in Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Twenty-five (125) North, Range Thirty-three (33) West, less the right-of-way of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company; also the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) in Section Twenty-two (22), Township One Hundred Twenty-five (125) North, Range Thirty-three (33) West; also that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) in Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Twenty-five (125) North, Range Thirty-three (33) West lying North of a line drawn from a point Twenty (20) rods North of the Southeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) in a Northwesterly direction to the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ); also the North Thirty (30) acres of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Twenty-five (125) North, Range Thirty-three (33) West; also that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township One Hundred Twenty-five (125) North, Range Thirty-three (33) West, described as follows: commencing at the Northwest corner of the said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) thence East Six Hundred Sixty (660.0) feet, thence South forty-five degrees (45°) West Nine Hundred Thirty-three and thirty-seven hundredths (933.37) feet to the West line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) thence North Six Hundred Sixty (660.0) feet to the point of beginning, all of the above described property being in Stearns County, Minnesota, subject to highways and easements of record.



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Doc. No. \_\_\_\_\_

**QUIT CLAIM DEED**

Individual to Joint Tenants

Judith Fuerstenberg, single & of  
legal age TO  
Anthony B. Ellering & Mary  
Margaret Ellering, husband and  
wife.

Office of Register of Deeds,  
STATE OF MINNESOTA.

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the within Deed was  
filed in this office for record on the  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., and was duly  
recorded in Book \_\_\_\_\_ of Deeds, page \_\_\_\_\_

Register of Deeds.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Taxes for the year 19\_\_\_\_ on the lands  
described within paid this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
October, 1965.

County Treasurer.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Taxes paid and Transfer entered this  
28th day of October, 1965.

County Auditor.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

**LLOYD O. STEIN**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
ST. CLOUD, MINN.

STATE OF MINN.  
COUNTY OF STEARNS  
I CERTIFY THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT  
WAS FILED AND RECORDED.

Oct 28 11 48 AM '65

IN BOOK 341 OF Deeds  
ON PAGE 157  
ALFRED J. LAHR  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
BY \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY

DEED TAX



\$1.10

On this 26th day of October, 1965, before me,  
a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared  
Judith Fuerstenberg, single and of legal age,  
to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument,  
the same as her free act and deed and acknowledged that she executed

By Lloyd O. Stein  
Notary Public, Sherburne  
County, Minn.

My commission expires October 31, 1970.

No revenue stamps  
State Deed Tax \$1.10

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To Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances  
thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to the said parties of the second part, their assigns,  
the survivor of said parties, and the heirs and assigns of the survivor, Forever, the said parties of the  
second part taking as joint tenants and not as tenants in common.

In Testimony Whereof, The said party \_\_\_\_\_ of the first part has hereunto set her  
hand the day and year first above written.

In Presence of

State of Minnesota

County of Stearns

State of Minnesota,

County of Stearns

Judith Fuerstenberg  
Judith Fuerstenberg

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Marideanne Bray Blomgren  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 1732 Cushing Greene, Camp Hill, Pa. 17011  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (717)-737-5192  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE R.R. Blooming Prairie

SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP Blooming Prairie COUNTY Steele

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 390

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homesteaded 1857  
Homestead Granted 1861

The Northeast Quarter, and the North Half of the Southeast  
LE1 Quarter of Section 35; nt)

5 Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35; 105

Pa and North Half of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest  
Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, all in Northwest

PRC Township 105 North, Range 19 West

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Thomas Bray	<u>Settled on Land 1857</u> 1861 - 1876 (Homestead Granted)	husband of Agnes
next owner Agnes Bray	1876 - 1931	mother of George
next owner George Bray	1931 - 1957	brother of Richard
next owner Richard Bray	1957 - 1969	uncle of Merville
next owner Merville Bray	1969 - 1975	father of Marideanne

Marideanne Bray Blomgren 1975 - to present

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We have the original Homestead Grant Paper signed by Abraham Lincoln.

<input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent	<input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Grant signed by Abe Lincoln</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Marideanne Bray Blomgren  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/26/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? England (Cornwall)

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Vacant land - no buildings

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & soybeans

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We have the original Homestead paper which was signed by Abraham Lincoln. Also Thomas Bray's birth certificate from England dated 1819 from Cornwall, England. We also have an old mortgage paper dated Oct. 26, 18-- (can't read). We also have his picture.

Thomas Bray came to the U.S. at age 18 and settled in Racine, Wisc. until 1856. In Jan. 1857, he took up government land on Section 35 of Blooming Prairie Township. He married Agnes Thorburn (originally from Scotland) from Waterville, Minn. in 1857. They had 8 children: James, Jennie, Lizzie, William, George, Albert (my grandfather), Alvin and Richard. Thomas died Nov. 10, 1876 and Agnes farmed & raised the children. At the time of his death, the farm contained 320 acres.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER James and Agnes Nash  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RR #2 Box 204 Owatonna MN 55060  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 45106177  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP Somerset COUNTY Steele  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 173  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  13 Acres of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 8 T106 R20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Frank Vesely	1884 - 1890	Father of John
next owner John Wesely	1890 - 1924	Father of Vitous & Agnes
next owner Vitous & Agnes Wesely	1924 - 1964	Father & Mother of Agnes
next owner James & Agnes Nash	1964 - Present	
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
(XX) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

James Nash Agnes Nash  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 25, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? William Bahne

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 18. Per Acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Approx 1910

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Soybeans & Corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Nathaniel Henry Ohnstad  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt.2 Box 191 Ellendale Mn. 56026  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 684 9464  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Berlin COUNTY Steele  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 85  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Part of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 W of RR  
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Township 105 Range 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Nels H. Ohnstad	1881 - 1925	Father of Gabriel
next owner Gabriel Ohnstad	1925 - 1972	Father of Nathaniel Henry
next owner Nathaniel Henry Ohnstad	1972 - present	
next owner		
next owner		

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( ) Original Deed (X) Other Tax Statement

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Nathaniel Henry Ohnstad  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 29th 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Annie L. Higbie and Delos Higbie, her husband  
Minnesota Central Railway Company

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Unknown

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? None

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1884

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & Soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Nathaniel Henry Ohnstad (Present Owner) has the same initials as his Grandfather  
Nels H. Ohnstad (First Family Owner)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER George A Von Ruden  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Claremont, Minn 55924  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 528-2378  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP Havana COUNTY Steele

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 337 (original 80 acres)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 26, 1884

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 23-107-19  
Havana Township, Steele Co. Minn

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Bernhard Von Ruden</u>	<u>June 26, 1884 - Jan 31, 1903</u>	<u>Uncle Geo. M.</u>
next owner <u>George M Von Ruden</u>	<u>1903 - June 5, 1952</u>	<u>George M father Son to George A</u>
next owner <u>George A Von Ruden</u>	<u>1952 - April 17, 1986</u>	<u>present owner</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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☐ Original Deed ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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George A Von Ruden  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 17, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Edward B. Sanders  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RR 1 Box 24 (this name will appear on certificate)  
Owatonna MN 55060  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 451 3224  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP Owatonna COUNTY Steele

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 64.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 4-13 - 1859

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

- ① Block 1 Lots 1-2-3 Sanders Addition  
② N 1/2 of SE 1/4 S. of RR Ex 1A To 8094-1 Sanders

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	4-13	9-30	
<u>Howard Sanders</u>	<u>1859</u>	<u>1873</u>	<u>Father of Edgar</u>
next owner	9-30	4-14	
<u>Edgar Sanders</u>	<u>1873</u>	<u>1909</u>	<u>Husband of Rosa</u>
next owner	4-14	3-1	
<u>Rosa Sanders</u>	<u>1909</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>Mother of Lloyd</u>
next owner	3-1	12-20	
<u>Lloyd Sanders</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>Father of Edward</u>
next owner	12-20		
<u>Edward B. Sanders</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>Present</u>	

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Edward B. Sanders  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 13 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Oliver A Dingman

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 15

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Fond du lac Wis.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No - United States - to - Thomas Marsh <sup>May 14 1856</sup>

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Grainry is still standing on its original foundation of large stones.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1972

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn Soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ORVIN M. AND DONNA M. GRONSETH

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

ROUTE 1 BOX 236

MURDOCK

MINN

56271

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 366-3754

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

21

TOWNSHIP

KERKHOVEN

COUNTY

SWIFT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

640

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  AND NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SEC. 21, Twp 122

RANGE 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

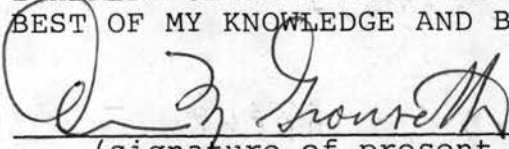
NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner JACOB & ELIZABETH ROGET	1886 - 1947	AUNT of ELLA
next owner HARRY & ELLA LUNDER	1947 - 1968	SISTER of OLGA
next owner OLGA L. THOMPSON	1968 - 1983	AUNT of ORVIN
next owner ORVIN M. & DONNA M. GRONSETH	1983 -	
next owner		

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(signature of present owner)

DATE

April 2, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? St. P. Mem. Ry. Co

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 6.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1971

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? DAIRY ; CORN, BEANS, WHEAT.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

JACOB ROGET LIVED TO BE 99 years old, he DIED ABOUT IN 1954. I, ORVIN G., Remember Him quite well, I WAS ABOUT 12-13 yrs old then.

ELIZABETH ROGET, ELLA LUNDER AND OLGA THOMPSON ALL HAD THE MAIDEN NAME OF GRONSETH.

OLE ROGET, SON OF JACOB, WENT TO NORWAY TO LIVE IN THE LATE 50's or EARLY 60's; GIVING UP HIS US. CITIZENSHIP. HE PASSED AWAY IN ABOUT 1984 @ THE AGE OF 90+.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Omer B. Rudningen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 Sunburg Mn. 56289  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 366-3713  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Kerkhoven COUNTY Swift

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Nov. 1, 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

NE 1/4 TWP. 122 Range 37

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 TWP. 122 Range 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Ole S. Rudningen	1883 - 1901	Father of Olef
next owner Olef O. Rudningen	1901 - 1916	Father of Ole O.
next owner Ole O. Rudningen	1916 - 1975	Father of Omer
next owner Omer B. Rudningen	1975 - present	
next owner		

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Omer B. Rudningen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Erik Hansen

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 320 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Grain & Livestock

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DAVID J. Kohlhasse & Georgetta Kohlhasse  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 1 Box 87 BERTHA MN. 56437  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 924 4576  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 8 + 9 TOWNSHIP BERTHA COUNTY TODD

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 520

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 2-27-1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

(Sect. 8 - TWP. 132 - RAN 8 - 35 SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 SW 1/4  
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 = 440 ACRES) (Sect. 9 - TWP. 132 - RAN 8 - 35 - SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 - 80 ACRES  
+ SE 1/4 =

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner EDWARD Jacob Kohlhasse	6-20-1885   3-29-1934	FATHER
next owner RUDOLPH H. Kohlhasse LILLIAN Kohlhasse	3-29-1934   2-23-1960	FATHER
next owner DAVID J. Kohlhasse SR. GEORGETTA Kohlhasse	2-23-1960 -	
next owner		
next owner		

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David J. Kohlhasse Sr.  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 19, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ST. PAUL + Chicago RAILWAY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? The FIRST 80 ACRES - \$200 -

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

BANKER + BUILT GROCERIE STORE IN BERTHA

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? (NE 1/4-8-132-35) YES 6-20-1885

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes - house has been

modernised some but 1900 structure is mostly present.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? OATS, CORN + ALFALFA  
DAIRY

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The FIRST Land MY GRANDFATHER purchased was IN 2-27-1883 which is PART OF FARM yet. OTHER purchases were made and consist of 520 ACRES NOW. He ALSO Homesteaded NE 1/4-8-132-35, 6-20-1885. I AM a bit confused JUST WHAT is THE ORIGINAL PARCEL. THE RAILROAD THRU BERTHA owned MUCH OF THE LAND ALONG THE TRACK and SOLD IT TO FARMERS ALONG THE way.

Sincerely David J Kohlase Sr.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Vernon Macho  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Browerville Minnesota 56438  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 594-2805  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Ward COUNTY Todd  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200 Acres  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 24, 1878  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
Section 12  
W2 of SE4 80 Acres Twp 131 Range 33--E2 of SW4 80 Acres Twp 131 Rang 33  
Sect-13 NW4 of SE4 40 acres Twp-131 Range 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Michael Smith	1878	1892	Father - George
next owner George Smith	1892	1893	Bro L. Ann(Smith)Macho
next owner L. Annie Smith Macho	1893	1975	Mother Vernon
next owner Vernon Macho	1975	Present	
next owner			

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Vernon Macho  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-21-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Sanborn

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4.00 an Acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

Blacksmith

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Barn is still standing, and in use.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1947

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Irrigated Corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The community was known as Batavia in the 1800's. There was a Flourmill several miles away. The road from Long Prairie to Motley, was thru our farm and followed the river up to Motley.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER John B., James W., & Raymond P. Cunningham  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 712 Orchard St., Ortonville, MN 56278  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 839-6294  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Walls Township, Wheaton, MN 56296

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Walls COUNTY Traverse

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 400 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 of  
Section 29, Township 126 North of Range 47 West of the 5th Principle Meridian.

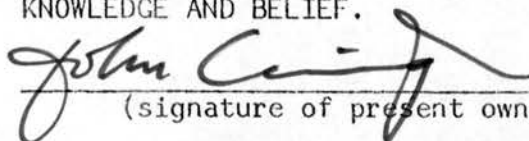
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Cunningham	FROM 1884 TO 1941	Husband of Emma
next owner Emma Cunningham	1941 1948	Mother of William A.
next owner William A. Cunningham	1948 1962	Husband of Agnes
next owner Agnes Cunningham	1962 1977	Mother of John, James & Raymond
next owner John, James, & Raymond Cunningham	1977 to present	

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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(signature of present owner)

DATE 2-9-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? It was homesteaded by John Cunningham

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 0.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Canada

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? WrightCo. MN.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? ?

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? There are no buildings on the farm now

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat, Corn, Soy Beans, & Barley.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Enclosed is some additional material about my Grandfather John Cunningham.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM

John Cunningham, one of the leading old settlers of Traverse county, has followed farming here for many years and is widely and favorably known. He has built a good home and valuable estate in Walls township.

Mr. Cunningham was born in Canada, in 1857. His father, Patrick Cunningham, was born in Ireland and became a resident of America. He was a laborer. Of a family of nine children, our subject was the second in order of birth. The family moved to Minnesota when he was a boy and he was reared on a farm in Wright county. He started to make his own way at the age of eighteen years, and he worked in Wright county for several years and also assisted on his father's farm. He came to Traverse county in 1884 and settled on a homestead in section 29, building a claim shanty. He lived alone here a part of the time and his mother lived with him some of the time. The greater part of his farm he broke with ox teams. He suffered a loss of part of his crops two different seasons and a loss of all his farm buildings but his house, four horses, Harness and other property valued at about \$1400 by fire in 1896. He has a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and has placed most of it under cultivation. He devotes his attention to grain raising principally. In 1900 he lost five stacks of wheat by fire. He has a set of good buildings on his farm and is surrounded by all the comforts of a country home.

Mr. Cunningham was married in 1898 to Emma Mader. Mrs. Cunningham was born at Henderson, Minnesota. Her father, Peter Mader, is a carpenter and farmer. He was born in Germany and came to America in 1837. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are the parents of two children, namely: Thomas and William. Mr. Cunningham is an independent voter and lends his influence for good government, local and national.

ILDEA

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Engelbert J. BerkTold  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R. 1-Box 154, Lake City, Mn. 55041  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 345-2144  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP Mt. Pleasant COUNTY Wabasha  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 5/31/1882  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S.E. 1/4 of Section 7 111-13

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Engelbert BerkTold</u>	<u>1882</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Theodore A. BerkTold</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Engelbert J. BerkTold</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>present</u>	
next owner			
next owner			

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Engelbert J. BerkTold  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 29, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? James R. Hamilton

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$5,000 per 160

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? ?

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? old home turned into shop

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? about 1885

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, oats, hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

( 507 )

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

COUNTY

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Patrick Melvin	FROM 1882 TO 1937	FATHER OF HARRY
next owner Harry Melvin	1937 1980	FATHER OF PATRICK <del>SON</del>
next owner Patrick Melvin	1980 Present	<del>SON</del>
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

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County Land Record (✓)

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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(signature of present owner)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Alfred Davey

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 400 and above

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Canada

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? 7 arm SO. of Plainville

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Lumbering in northern Wis.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Around 1914

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy Corn oats alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: & cannery crops



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LaVerne and Lorraine Mickow  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R 1 Box 137 Elgin Minnesota 55932  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 876-2912  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Elgin COUNTY Wabasha  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 25, 1886  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S 3/4 of the SW 1/4 29-108-12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP
William Brown	(from) 1860 (to) 1886	TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		none
Henry Schroeder	1886 - 1906	father of Edward
next owner		
Edward Schroeder	1906 - 1909	husband of Olga
next owner		
Olga Schroeder	1909 - 1963	mother of Elvera
next owner		
Elvera Schroeder	1963 - 1966	mother of LaVerne
next owner		
LaVerne Mickow	1966 - 1986	

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(X) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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LaVerne E Mickow  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-8-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? William Brown

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1.25

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1977

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, beans, grain, hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

dw

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Vincent + Sheri Sexton  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 5 Millville MN 55957  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 798 2331  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Hyde Park COUNTY Wabasha

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1858

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
5 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 1-109-13W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Timothy Sexton</u>	<u>1858</u> <u>1898</u>	<u>purchased from</u> <u>the United States</u> <u>of America</u>
next owner <u>James Sexton</u>	<u>1898</u> to <u>1934</u>	<u>son of Timothy</u>
next owner <u>Margaret Sexton</u>	<u>1934</u> to <u>1946</u>	<u>wife of James</u>
next owner <u>Edmund Sexton</u>	<u>1946 - 1949</u>	<u>cousin to James</u>
<u>Robert Sexton</u>	<u>1946</u> - <u>1985</u>	<u>Father of Vincent</u>
next owner <u>Vincent + Sheri Sexton</u>	<u>1985</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>son of Edmund</u> <u>son of Robert</u>

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Sheri Sexton

(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-10-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America 9-20-1858

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Recently a granary torn down it was found on a board that it was built Aug 16-1877

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*We recently purchased this farm. Vince's father Robert has told us that this farm has always been in the Sexton name. The Wabasha County Almanac also lists it as a century farm.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Robert and Marian Derby (Derby) OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Robert and Marian Derby  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt. #1  
city

Box 210

Madena, Minn.  
state

56482  
zip code

PHONE NUMBER

1 (218) 631-2611  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

23

TOWNSHIP

Madena

COUNTY

Madena

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

Section 23 - Township 134 Range 35  
NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Theodore + Frances Lorentz	1886 - 1944	Parents of Theodore Jr.
next owner Theodore Jr. + Margaret Lorentz	1944 - 1978	Parents of Marian Derby
next owner Robert + Marian Derby	1978 - Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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☐ Original Deed

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☐ County Land Record  
☐ Other

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Marian Derby  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

March 25, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mary E. Palmer - Nathan J. Palmer (her husband)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Warranty Deed \$400.00 for 80 acres.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Luxemburg - Europe \$5 per acre

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Some Carpentry besides Farming

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1892

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Jerome B. Miller  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Sebeka MN 56477  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (218) 837-5690  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Rockwood COUNTY Wadena  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ~~1885~~ 1885  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S 1/2, NW 1/4, Section 2, Rockwood Township

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Fred. A. Miller	1885	1896	Husband
next owner Mary Miller	1896	1916	Mother
next owner Fred and Mary Miller's eleven children	1916	1946	Brother
next owner Ed Miller	1946	1962	Father
next owner Jerome B. Miller	1962	1986	

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                       |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Jerome Benson Miller

(signature of present owner)

DATE May 14, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

ok

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER CLIFFORD BATHKE  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS <sup>Box 149</sup> R. 1 JANESVILLE MINN 56048  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 835-4668  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP Iosco COUNTY WASECA  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 134  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 10-7-1876  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>AUGUST BATHKE</u>	<u>1876 — 1912</u>	<u>Father of Herman</u>
next owner <u>HERMAN BATHKE</u>	<u>1912 — 1942</u>	<u>Father of Clifford</u>
next owner <u>CLIFFORD BATHKE</u>	<u>1942 — Present*</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
(X) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Clifford D. Bathke  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 12, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? James and Mary Davidson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 1.00

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1880

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn soybeans wheat oats hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER JOHN + MAXINE ERWIN  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RT. 4 Box 212 WASECA MINN 56093  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 835-3389  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME  
SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP ST. MARYS COUNTY WASECA  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1867  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SECT-02 TWP-107 RANG 23 160.00 AC SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner JANE ERWIN	1863 1876	Wife of Wm. A.
next owner Wm. A. ERWIN	1876 1880	Father of D.A.
next owner D.A. ERWIN	1880 1931	Father of Ruby
next owner RUBY FELL	1931	Sister of Grant, Rolland & Stanley
next owner GRANT, ROLLAND, STANLEY ERWIN	1931	

ROLLAND ERWIN WAS MY FATHER

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John Erwin  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-11-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Glenn C. + Sharon Ewert  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R.R. 1 Box 251 Janesville Minnesota 56048  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 234-5633  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP Alton COUNTY Waseca  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1874  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E 1/2 of NW 1/4 + W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec 15 Twp. 107 N Range 24 West, Waseca County, Mn.

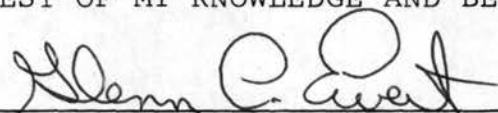
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Fred Ewert	1874 - 1890	Father of Charles
next owner Charles Ewert	1890 - 1919	Father of Arthur
next owner Arthur Ewert	1919 - 1961	Father of Edwin
next owner Edwin Ewert	1961 - 1984	Father of Glenn
next owner Glenn C. Ewert	1984 - present	

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(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-30-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*Handwritten signature and date*  
4-20-80

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mary & Joseph Mc Gannon  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R1 Box 141 Waseca MN 56093  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 835-2799  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP 106 COUNTY 23

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

8 1/2 of the NE 1/4 Section 8 Township 106 N Range 23E

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>(Guarin)</u> <u>Patrick Guarin</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1898</u>	<u>Father of Kate</u>
next owner <u>Kate Mc Gannon</u>	<u>1898</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>Mother of John J.</u>
next owner <u>John J. Mc Gannon</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>husband of Mary</u>
next owner <u>Mary Mc Gannon, et al</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>mother of Joseph</u>
next owner <u>Joseph Mc Gannon</u> <u>Life estate for Mary</u>	<u>1965</u>		

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Mary Mc Gannon Joseph Mc Gannon  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-17-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

DID HE FARM THE LAND? 1

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1974

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy - corn - soybeans  
alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Le Roy Janike Le Roy E. and Beverly Janike  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 84 Minnesota Lake, Minn 56068  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 239-2461  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP Freedom COUNTY Waseca

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

The N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 in Sec 32 Twp 106 North Range 24  
West, Freedom Township

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Fred Janike</u>	<u>1880</u> <u>1915</u>	<u>Father of Robert</u>
next owner <u>Robert Janike</u>	<u>1915</u> <u>1940</u>	<u>Father of Leonard &amp; Edna</u> <u>Husband of Alvina</u>
next owner <u>Edna Janike</u> <u>Leonard Janike</u> <u>Alvina Janike</u>	<u>1940</u> <u>1960</u>	<u>Mother of Leonard &amp; Edna</u>
next owner <u>Leonard Janike</u> <u>Edna Soost</u>	<u>1960</u> <u>1970</u>	
next owner <u>LeRoy &amp; Beverly Janike</u>	<u>1970 - Present.</u>	

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LeRoy E. Janike  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7/10/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



See attached  
also

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Kenneth Kaiser  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R#2 Box 125 JANESVILLE, MN. 56048  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 234-6450  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME  
SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP Freedom COUNTY WASECA  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 10-15-1885  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E<sub>2</sub> of NE<sub>4</sub>, Section 11, Township 106 North, Range 24 West, Waseca  
Co., Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Joseph Kaiser	10/15/1885	2/10/1903	Fathers of Martin Sr.
next owner Martin Kaiser	2/10/1903	6/17/49	Fathers of Martin Jr.
next owner Martin P. Kaiser	6/17/49	7/1/52	Fathers of Kenneth
next owners: by decree of distribution: Theresa Kaiser	7/1/52	5/10/79	Mother + Brothers
Cletus Kaiser	7/1/52	5/10/79	
next owner Bernice Bilben Kaiser	7/1/52	5/10/79	Sister's
Leona Kaiser aka Sister Yvette		5/10/79	

continued--see attached sheet  
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☒ Original Deed      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Kenneth M. Kaiser  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 8, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Kenneth Kaiser

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

P#2 Box 125 JANESVILLE, WIS.

56048

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 234-6450

56048

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

11

TOWNSHIP

Freedom

COUNTY

WASECA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

10-12-1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<del>first owner</del> Robert Kaiser Mary Lynch	7/1/52 5/10/79 7/1/52 5/10/79	Brother Sister
<del>next owner</del> Kenneth Kaiser Barbara Dibble	7/1/52 PRESENT OWNER 7/1/52 5/10/79	Kenneth Sister
<del>next owner</del> Richard Kaiser Leo Kaiser	7/1/52 5/10/79 7/1/52 5/10/79	Brothers
<del>next owner</del> Henry Kaiser Henrietta Kaiser	7/1/52 5/10/79 7/1/52 5/10/79	Brother Sister
<del>next owner</del> Mark Kaiser Quit Claim Deeds to	7/1/52 5/10/79	Brother

Kenneth Kaiser

5/10/79

PRESENT OWNER

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( ) Other

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Kenneth M. Kaiser

(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 8, 1986

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER David E. + Sandra J. Berglund  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS ~~4816~~ 4216 St. Croix Trail So. Afton Minn. 55001  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 436-4494  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 28 COUNTY Washington

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 15, 1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

The ~~Southeast Quarter~~ The East One-Half of The  
Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 28 North, Range 24 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Charles Berglund	1885	1942	Father of Berglund Bros.
next owner Berglund Bros.	1942	1986	Uncles of David
next owner David E + Sandra J. Berglund	1986	Present	
next owner			
next owner			

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David E. Berglund Sandra J. Berglund  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 14, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Ereck Thompson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

Shoemaker

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Part of the <sup>original</sup> house is used

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Several years prior to 1885

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn + Beans

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Charles, my grandfather, arrived in Minn. from Sweden in about 1869. He had been a Shoemaker in Sweden. He worked in the woods of Minn. in the Lumbering industry. He purchased this 80 in 1885 and for the remainder of that century and early in this one, they raised potatoes, onions + berries. Some of the produce was taken, by horse + wagon, to the Farmers Market in St. Paul for sale.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Grace C. and Mary F. Clymer  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS 13791 40th St. So. , Afton Minnesota 55001  
PHONE NUMBER 612 ) 436 2234  
city state zip code  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 28 & 29 TOWNSHIP Afton (28) COUNTY Washington

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1861

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sect. 28. Twp 28. Range 20; NE 1/4 of Ne 1/4 of Sect. 29, Twp 28,

Range 20; SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sect. 29. Twp. 28, Range 20.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner James and William Pennington Father and Son	1861	1866	James father of William
next owner William Pennington	1866	1905	Brother of George
next owner George H. Pennington	1905	1931	Father of Grace
next owner Grace L. Clymer nee Pennington	1931	1967	Mary Mother of Grace and
next owner Grace C and Mary F. Clymer	1967	Present	

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

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Grace C. Clymer  
Mary F. Clymer  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 2, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Daniel L. Kimberly land patent dated 9-15-185

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 320 acres 1854

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? England

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? barn and granery

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1947

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? feed grain and hay

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The family emigrated from England to New Brunswick where William was born. George was born in Aroostook County Maine. They came to Minnesota via oxcart and steamboat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi..

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Herman E. Froehner  
13305 - 15th Street South (this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Afton Minnesota 55001  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 436-2292  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 13275 - 40th Street South  
Afton, Minnesota 55001  
SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Afton COUNTY Washington  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E½ of NW¼ of Section 29, Township 28, Range 20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Wilhelm Rieck	1884	1928	Father of Alma
next owner Alma (Rieck) Froehner	1928	1958	Mother of Herman
next owner Herman E. Froehner	1958	Present	
next owner			
next owner			

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( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Herman E. Froehner

(signature of present owner)

DATE July 3, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? George Clymer and Eliza Clymer

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? YES

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? LATE 1800's

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Oats, corn and alfalfa.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Emil and Anton Frydenlund and other heirs  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R#2A Madelia Minnesota 56062  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 439 6860  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Riverdale COUNTY Watonwan

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876, June 30

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

W 1/2 SE 1/4 2-107-31 80 Acres Homestead

NE 1/4 NW 1/4 11-107-31 40 Acres bought - Railroad land

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Hans Frydenlund</u>	<u>1876</u>	<u>1915</u>	<u>Husband of Gunhild</u>
next owner <u>Gunhild Frydenlund</u>	<u>1915</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>Emil and Anton Frydenlund</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>- to Present</u>	
next owner <u>and other heirs</u>			
next owner			

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Emil O. Frydenlund Madelia Min  
Anton Frydenlund " "  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 4<sup>th</sup> 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? 80 Acres Homestead - Balance Railroad Land.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 ~~40~~

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1500 for the 40 - 80 Acres Homestead.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes - 80 Acres were homestead

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes - House remodeled

Barn built in 1894 - Remodeled but framework same for both house and barn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1886

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Calvin E. Jorgenson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 2, Box 130 - St. James, Minnesota

56081

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 325-3828  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 23 and 22 TOWNSHIP Rosendale COUNTY Watsonwan

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 233

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 8, 1867

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N $\frac{1}{2}$  Sw $\frac{1}{4}$  and West  
30 acres of W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  23; and SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  22 all in Township 106,  
Range 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner: Hans Thompson	FROM May 8, 1867 TO June 11, 1875	Great Granfather
next owner: Knud H. Thompson	June 11, 1875 Nov. 11, 1878	Great Uncle
next owner: Hans Thompson	Nov. 11, 1878 Mar. 26, 1884	Great Grandfather
next owner: Knud O JOrgenson	Mar. 26, 1884 Sept. 20, 1897	Grandfather
next owner: Iue Jorgenson	Sept. 20, 1897 Sept. 20, 1897	Great Aunt
next owner: Mathilda K. Jorgenson	Sept. 20, 1897 Nov. 29, 1911	Grandmother
next owner: Carl J. Jorgenson	Nov. 29, 1911 Aug. 27, 1973	Father
next owner: Calvin E. Jorgenson	Aug. 27, 1973	

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER

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Calvin E. Jorgenson  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE July 9, 1986





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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? H.A. Q. Hegg and Taneta Hegg, wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 190 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? North of Decorah, Iowa

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Decorah, Iowa

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Knud

Jorgenson had a Blacksmith shop in Medelia Minnesota

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1958

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Soybeans and corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Charles G. Stradtman  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt. 1, St. James Minnesota 56081  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 375-4368  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP So. Branch COUNTY Watsonwan  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 192  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY November 24, 1886  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sect. 29 Twp. 105 Rang 31  
192 A SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  + W  $\frac{1}{5}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Christian (Henry) Stradtman	1886	1890	
next owner Fredrick Stradtman	1890	1897	son
next owner George F. Stradtman	1897	1939	brother
next owner George H. Stradtman	1939	1970	son
next owner Charles G. Stradtman	1970		son

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(X) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Charles George Stradtman  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 17, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? railroad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$8.13

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Mecklenburg, Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

yes, (see enclosed sheet)

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1888 - house is 98 yrs. old

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, soybeans, hogs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



STRADTMAN FAMILY FARM  
1886 - 1986

Christian (Henry) Stradtman was born in the Province of Mecklenberg, Germany on May 28, 1828. He came up the St. Lawrence with his parents as a small child (1840's) and settled at Niles, Illinois (Cook Co.). There he married Mary Brandt. There were seven children, Fred, Mary (Mrs. Christ (Steve) Engel), John, George, (Henry Jr., August, & Anne died in their youth). The mother (Mary Brandt) died in 1872 when George F. was less than 2 yrs. old. Christian (Henry) married a second time to Christine Behm. They had one child, Louise (Mrs. Fred Vehling) and two stepdaughters (Kate Tatge, Mankato, Mn. and Lena Held, Chicago, Ill.). Christine died March 31, 1924 and was buried on St. John's Cemetery of So. Branch, near St. James, Mn., as was her husband who died in 1890.

Fredrick and wife Minnie (Knoll) and Christ (Steve) and Mary (Stradtman) Engel came to Watonwan County in 1886 to seek new lands. On November 24, 1886 the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29 of So. Branch was purchased from the railroad in the name of Christian (Henry) Stradtman for \$1,300 (\$8.13/A). On November 2, 1887 he purchased the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  for \$2,880 (\$9/A). Christian (Henry) Stradtman and wife Christine and three other children (John, Louise, and George F.) came to settle on the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29. In 1886 Fredrick settled on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  where their children, Mathilda (Mrs. William Golterman), twins George & Emma (Mrs. Donald McDowall), Henry, and Elsie (Mrs. John Korte) were born. Christ and Mary Engel settled on the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  where their children, Alfred, Amanda (Mrs. Gustav Dannhoff), and Marie (Mrs. Ernest Schwantz) were born. Christian (Henry) Stradtman died April 14, 1890. The estate purchased on December 29, 1891 the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  for \$1,520 (\$9.50/A) from the railroad. The 640 acres was split into five 128 acre parcels with George F.'s share 64 rods wide in the middle of the section one mile long. In 1897 Fredrick sold his SW 128 acres to George F. and moved his family first to the So. Branch church farm and later moved to ~~Mandan~~, No. Dakota. George F. sold his north 64 acres to Fred and Louise (Stradtman) Vehling, making the SW farm 192 acres.

In 1895 George F. Stradtman married Emma Vehling, sister of Fred Vehling and daughter of Ernest and Ernestine (Koeller) Vehling, who homesteaded three miles north of Sect. 29 in March of 1886. George F. and Emma's children born on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  were Reinhold, Alma (Mrs. Emil Heckman), Emma (Mrs. Adolph Sternberg), George H., Clarence, and Howard. Clarence worked on the farm and later became a Lutheran minister and all the others farmed in Watonwan Co. George F. and Emma Stradtman moved to St. James and George H., who married Olga Schultz in 1927, started farming on the SW 192 acres of Section 29, where three sons, Willard, Roland, and Charles were born. Willard, who married Angeline Brinkman, lived on the farm for a year or more with son, Virgil. Roland, who married Luella Sternberg, also lived on the farm later with daughter Deborah. George H. and Olga bought the farm in 1939 from George F. and Emma Stradtman, who both died in 1961. George H. and Olga's three sons all farm in Watonwan Co. In 1963 Charles married Jean Forstrom and George H. and Olga moved to Ormsby, Mn. George H. died June 9, 1986. The 192 acres was bought by Charles and Jean Stradtman in 1970, where their children, Robert and Susan, were born.

Additional Information on SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, Twp. 105

In the 1800's there was a road crossing the north end of the farm at an angle believed to be called war road. A school house was located on the north end and in the 1890's was moved to the NE corner of Section 31. It was later moved to a neighbor's farm and used as a hen house. The original house was used as a grainery and torn down in the 30's. The lumber was used in another grainery and can still see the wallpaper on the boards (1986). Several out buildings still exist but have been remodeled and changed. The present house was built by Fred Stradtman in 1888. The barn, which has wooden dall pins to hold the beams together, was built by George F. Stradtman. All owners and families were or are members of St. John's Lutheran church, So. Branch, which was founded in 1887.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Reinhold F. Lueg  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R 2 Box 12 Truman Minn 56088

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 774-3695  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

24

TOWNSHIP

So. Branch

COUNTY

Watson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

340A

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

June 10 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

S. W 1/4 of section 24. (deed)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Paul Lueg</u>	TO <u>1886-1917</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner	<u>1917-</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>Reinhold Lueg</u>		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Reinhold Lueg  
(signature of present owner)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? A. R. Voss (Real Estate agent)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Vandenberg West Prussia

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Illinois

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? The main part of house, the original

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? It was here when settled

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Beans + corn, oats.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The land was deeded to Reinhold in 1917; when his father died, his mother had possession until 1927. More land was bought later to the amount of 840A. This was divided amongst the seven brothers Reinhold is still living on the original acreage.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Harold and Elizabeth Bergler  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 199a, Winona Minn. 55987  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 454-1307  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Warren COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 140. Acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 60 Acres

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

N 60 Ac E 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 12  
Township 106 Range 08

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Domenick Bergler</u>	<u>1885 - 1902</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
next owner <u>John Bergler</u>	<u>1902 - 1917</u>	<u>Father of John D.</u>
next owner <u>John D. Bergler</u>	<u>1917 - 1961</u>	<u>Father of Harold</u>
next owner <u>Harold J. Bergler</u>	<u>1961 - Present</u>	<u>Father of Kenneth*</u>
next owner		

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Harold J. Bergler  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 6, 1986

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\*Kenneth will be buying the farm from Harold this fall or next Spring.

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Samuel Loeffler

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

hayshed is still used

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1919

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? dairy, beef,

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Corn, hay, oats



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Joseph M. BUEHLER  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Box 144 RR 2 LaCrescent Minn. 55947  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 895-6052  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Dresbach COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY August 25, 1945

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

1/4 Section 19-30, Township 105-Range 4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Matthias Nagle</u>	<u>Sept. 13, 1870 - 1911</u>	<u>uncle</u>
next owner <u>August Buehler Sr.</u>	<u>March 28, 1911 - 31</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner <u>August Buehler</u> <u>George Buehler</u>	<u>Aug 3 - 1931 - 1945</u>	<u>uncle</u>
next owner <u>Joseph Buehler</u>	<u>Oct. 29 - 1945 to</u>	
next owner	<u>present</u>	

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Joseph Buehler  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 30, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Craig & Helen Campbell  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS ST. CHARLES MINN 55972  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 932-3727  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE  
SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP SARATOGA COUNTY WINONA  
105 N  
RANGE 10  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 174  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1869  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
174 AC SW 1/4 NW 1/4 & 134 AC in SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>LYMAN COX</u>	<u>1869-</u> <u>1911</u>	<u>FATHER OF</u> <u>JULIA</u>
next owner <u>JULIA DYAR</u>	<u>1911 -</u> <u>1948</u>	<u>MOTHER OF</u> <u>HELEN</u>
next owner <u>CRAIG &amp; HELEN CAMPBELL</u>	<u>1948 - present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Craig & Helen Campbell  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

May-10-1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mrs Arnold Kalnes  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rollingstone Mn 55969  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 689-2265  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 23 + 24 TOWNSHIP Norton COUNTY Minnesota

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 450 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1967 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

NE 1/4, E 1/2 of SE 1/4 + 2 acres in the NW 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 23  
NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 + 127 acres in the SW of Section 24, Township 107, Range 9 ✓

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Jacob Kalnes</u>	<u>1867 - 1897</u>	<u>father to Peter</u>
next owner <u>Peter Kalnes</u>	<u>1897 - 1949</u>	<u>father of Arnold</u>
next owner <u>Arnold Kalnes</u>	<u>1949 - 1985</u>	
next owner <u>Mrs Arnold Kalnes</u>	<u>1985 -</u>	<u>wife of Arnold</u>
next owner <u>Stephen Kalnes</u>		<u>son of Arnold</u> <u>Present operator</u>

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Mrs Arnold Kalnes  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4/5/85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Katherine Kimmel

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 140 acres for \$1800

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Jacob Kimmel - born - 1837  
Nospeld Lutzen -  
Swig, Europe

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes, present barn was  
built in 1911

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1912

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? hay, corn, grain

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Pasture  
a trout stream runs through  
a portion of the farm.  
about 200 acres are in woods  
mostly oak trees.



ok

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER James L. McNally

ADDRESS Rt. 4 <sup>Box 233</sup> Winona Minnesota 55987  
(this name will appear on certificate)

city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 643-6373

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP Pleasant Hill COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1873

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  & N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Township 105 Range 6

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  & SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Township 106 Range 6

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner William B. (died 1903) & Matilda McNally	1873 - 1917	Parents to Hugh
next owner Hugh T. & Bertha McNally	1917 - 1936	Parents of Charles
next owner Charles E. & Gora McNally	1936 - 1952	Parents of J. Ray
next owner J. Ray & Margaret McNally	1952 - 1979	Parents of James
next owner James L. & Sheila McNally	1979 - present	

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James L. McNally  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7/11/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Fletcher C. Harvey

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$23.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Winona County

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Portion of the house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Remodeled in the 1950s

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, hay, oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Dairy products

The farm was originally two farms with parcels bought and sold to various people. Another farm was purchased in Dec., 1985 making the present homestead a combination of three farms.

The present owner was named Winona County Farmer of the Year in 1984. James and his wife Sheila have two children, Kimberly and Jamie.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Marvin A. Sackreiter  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Box 176 Lewiston Minnesota 55952  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (523) 2746  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Farm R1-B-11  
SECTION 13-14 TOWNSHIP 24th 106 COUNTY Winona  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT ~~1865~~ 110  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1865  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP
	(from)	(to)	TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Sackreiter</u>			
<u>John Sackreiter</u>	<u>1865</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>Father Ludwig</u>
next owner <u>Ludwig Sackreiter</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>Father of Marvin</u>
next owner <u>Marvin A. Sackreiter</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>- Present</u>	<u>Son of Ludwig</u>
next owner			
next owner			

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                       |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Marvin A. Sackreiter  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1986 Lewiston Minn  
55952 Box 176

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Edward and Charlotte Barrett

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany, Carlsheim

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Burned

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? unknown

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & Grain

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We pick up the continuity of the Sackeeters from Carlsheim in 1584. We have owned the farm ~~if~~ coming fall for 55 years. ~~There~~ have the sixth generation is now living on the farm. We have original passport papers and many interesting papers.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER THACKERAY ACRES  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt.1 Box 43 LEWISTON MN 55952

PHONE NUMBER (507) 523 3536  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 19 TOWNSHIP WARREN COUNTY WINONA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 145

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 12/1/56 (1856)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

SW/4 SEC 19 106 8

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>JAMES THACKERY</u>	<u>12/1/56</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
	TO	
	<u>12/11/85</u>	
next owner		
<u>EAST 1/2 MARY THACKERY</u>	<u>12/11/85</u>	<u>SISTER IN LAW</u>
<u>WEST 1/2 SARAH THACKERY</u>	<u>4/2/86</u>	<u>WIFE</u>
next owner		
<u>CHRISTIAN WIRT</u>	<u>4/2/86</u>	
	<u>7/29/44</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>ADDIE, LYDIA,</u>	<u>7/29/44</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
<u>FLORENCE, VELMA, RAY WIRT</u>	<u>1/31/49</u>	<u>AUNTS + UNCLE</u>
next owner		
<u>CHARLES RADATZ</u>	<u>1/31/49</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
	<u>12/29/82</u>	
NEXTOWNER <u>THACKERAY ACRES</u>	<u>12/29/82</u>	
<u>CHARLES + RAY RADATZ p'trs</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	

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Abstract of Title ( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Land Patent (x) County Land Record (X)  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Charles A Radatz partner THACKERAY  
(signature of present owner) ACRES

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER STANLEY R. and GENEVA DIERS  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Route 1, Box 176, Howard Lake, MN 55349  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 543-2947  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 15 and 16 TOWNSHIP VICTOR COUNTY WRIGHT  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 290 Acres  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 19, 1880  
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
E $\frac{1}{2}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 15-118-27, 120 Acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Conrad Diers	1880	1913	Father to Fred
next owner Fred Diers	1913	1940	Father to Elroy
next owner Elroy Diers	1940	1974	Father to Stanley R.
next owner Stanley R. And Geneva	1974	present	
next owner			

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( ) Original Deed                            ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Stanley R. Diers Geneva Diers  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 27, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? from Stanley's parents, Elroy and Evelyn Diers

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 acres were purchased April 2, 1875 by Heinrich Grunhagen from a trust deed by the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Co.

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 120 acres for \$1800 or \$150 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Conrad Diers born October 2, 1857 in Germany.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes, he, his wife Emma, and his two sons.

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? about 1890

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Registered holstein dairy herd, crops include corn, alfalfa, oats, and soybeans.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

*Simon G. Dykhuizen*

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

*RT. 2 Box 275 Maple Lake, Mn.*

*55358*

PHONE NUMBER

*(612) 963-3556*

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

*6*

TOWNSHIP

*Silver Creek*

COUNTY

*Wright*

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

*80*

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

*Sept. 28, 1886*

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

*East half of the South West quarter of section 6*

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	(from)	(to)	
first owner <i>Wm. Rotsoek</i>	<i>Sept. 1886</i>	<i>to April 1942</i>	<i>Father-in-law of Simon (Sam)</i>
next owner <i>Simon (Sam) Dykhuizen</i>	<i>April 1942</i>	<i>to April 1961</i>	<i>Father of Simon G.</i>
next owner <i>Simon G. Dykhuizen</i>	<i>April 1961</i>	<i>to present</i>	
next owner			
next owner			

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☐ County Land Record

☐ Other

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

*Simon G. Dykhuizen*  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

*April 21, 1986*

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Edson M. & Alma A. Lambert

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes, around 1890 my grandfather built this house with additions built unto it.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Around 1890

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - beans.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: my grandfather was single age 23 when he bought this 80 acres Sept. 28, 1888. He married April 11, 1891. 9 children were born & lived in this house where I now as a bachelor live alone.

April 9, 1930 (my mother Clara Rotsolk - a daughter of Wm. Rotsolk) married Simon (Sam) Dykhuizen and moved on the farm at the time renting it until purchasing it April 7, 1942.

I (Simon S.) an only child purchased it from my parents April 7, 1961. The past 6 yrs. I've cash rented the tillable land out - due to health reasons.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Wayne & Winton Lahn

ADDRESS 17685-53rd St. NE Rogers Minn. 55374

city	state	zip code
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PHONE NUMBER (612) 428-4404

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Frankfort COUNTY Wright

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 333

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

Township 120 Range 23

All present acres a join original acreage in section 1

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner			
George Lahn	1886	1921	Father of Ralph
next owner			Father of
Ralph J. Lahn	1921	1969	Wayne & Winton
next owner			
Wayne & Winton Lahn	1969	Present	
next owner			
next owner			

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( ) County Land Record  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Wayne A. Lahar  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-9-86

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Lyman Dayton

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 109

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ohio

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

\_\_\_\_\_  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1886

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy, corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Please feel free to call for additional information



OK

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER MRS WILLARD S. MATSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RT 5, Box 374 BUFFALO MINN 55313  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 682-2307  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rural Route 1 1/2 MILES SE OF COKATO, MINN.  
SECTION 1+2+11+12 TOWNSHIP 118 RANGE 28 COUNTY WRIGHT 55321  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 278  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY FEB. 14, 1879  
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4, gnt. Lot 2, N. 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4, Sect. 2, Township 118, Range 28, NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4, SECT. 1  
TOWNSHIP 118, RANGE 28, S 3/4 OF NE 1/4, OF SE 1/4, SECT. 2 TOWNSHIP 118, RANGE 28 + W HALF OF SW 1/4 OF SECT 12 +  
NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECT 11 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 118, RANGE 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>STEFAN + KARIN MATSON</u>	<u>1879 - 1889</u>	<u>FATHER + MOTHER OF ALFRED</u>
next owner <u>ALFRED + MARY MATSON</u>	<u>1889 - 1948</u>	<u>FATHER + MOTHER OF ALBIN, AMY, RUTH, WALTER ARTHUR AND WILLARD</u>
next owner <u>ARTHUR MATSON</u>	<u>1948 - 1973</u>	<u>BROTHER OF AMY, RUTH WALTER, ALBIN + WILLARD</u>
next owner <u>ALBIN, AMY (STROUP) RUTH (HENDRICKSON) WILLARD</u>	<u>1973 - 1984</u>	<u>BROTHER AND SISTERS OF WILLARD</u>
next owner <u>WILLARD + MARJORIE MATSON</u>	<u>1984 - PRESENT</u>	<u>NEIL + SUSAN MATSON SON OF WILLARD + MARJORIE MATSON - WILL BE NEXT OWNER</u>

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- ( ) Abstract of Title  
( ) Land Patent  
(x) Original Deed  
(x) Court file in Registration Proceeding  
( ) County Land Record  
(x) Other FAMILY RECORDS - Century Farms Book - by Dorothy L. Wanless - Taylor Publishing Company

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Mrs. W.S. Matson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 3-19-86

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 145

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? VARLAND SWEDEN

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

BLACK SMITHING

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? LOG BARN STILL IN USE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ABOUT 1880

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, SOYBEANS, HAY, FIREWOOD

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

FEW BEEF, WILD WATERFOWL  
QUAIL + PHEASANTS

*Neil and his wife Susan, and children - Shannon, Melody  
Sven and Luke - are now living happily on the property*

*Neil R. Mattson  
RR Box 612  
Cokato Minn.  
55321*

## THE MATTSON FARM ( WRIGHT COUNTY)

Because of a severe and wide-spread famine due to continued crop failure ( even bark from trees was ground up and made into bread). Stefan and Karin Mattson with their sons, Johan and Alfred emigrated from Varmland, Sweden in 1869. During the 13-week voyage on the sailing ship several travelers died and some babies were born. The vessel ran out of food and water by the time it reached Newfoundland. The family landed at Quebec, Canada, and proceeded to Minnesota. (Minneapolis)

Once there Stefan found work and sent Karin and the boys on to Cokato which was as far as the railroad went then. Stefan joined the others before they spent their first winter in the new country.

The first years were spent with relatives ringing trees, clearing land and plating crops, but mostly they survived because of the wild game available on the land. Another child, Ida, was born at this time.

On February 14, 1879 Stefan Mattson bought 145 acres located one and one-half miles southeast of Cokato. A log cabin was built which stood until recent years. Furniture was made from logs, and the family lived a long time with only a dirt floor.

Johan Mattson became a Lutheran Minister; Ida married John Nelson; and Alfred took over the farm. Alfred married Mary Gabrielson from Sweden and they had four sons Albin, Walter, Arthur and Willard; and two daughters- Amy and Ruth.

Albin and Arthur never married and stayed on the farm. Walter was killed in WWII. With the passing of Alfred (1948) and Mary (1968), Arthur took over the farm and went from dairying to to beef cattle. He died suddenly in May 1973, After that, Albin rented the tillable and spent most of his time clearing the woods and cutting firewood.

Willard married Marjorie Stevenson in 1937 and had two children Carol and Neil. Albin, Amy(Mrs Clayton Stroup), and Ruth ( Mrs Bill Hendrickson) sold their shares of the farm to their brother, Willard, in 1984.

Neil and his wife Susan, and children --Shannon, Melody, Sven and Luke- are now living happily on the property. The farm has a total of 278 acres compared with the original 145 of this century farm.



Delmar Posio - I have  
lived on this Place  
since Sept., 4-1912 and  
I will live here as long  
as I am alive.

my father died in 1963.

I + has been a ~~estate~~  
till 1986 It is in my  
name now I have the  
life ~~estate~~.

I have paid the real ~~estate~~  
Taxes since 1957,

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Delmar C. Posio  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt. 2 Cokato Minnesota 55321  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 286-5157  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same  
SECTION 15 & 14 TOWNSHIP Cokato COUNTY Wright ✓  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 112 acres  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883 and 1885 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Two parts to land Around 50 acres Section 14 <sup>twp 119</sup> Range 28  
The other farm Section 15 <sup>twp 119</sup> Range 28, 62 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Gustaf Posio</u>	<u>1883 - 1926</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
next owner <u>John Posio</u>	<u>1926 - 1963</u>	<u>Father of Delmar</u>
next owner <u>Delmar Posio</u>	<u>1963 - 1986</u>	<u>Present</u>
next owner		
next owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records. Indicate by check marks those that apply.

- ( ) Abstract of Title (✓) Court file in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
(✓) Original Deed ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Delmar C. Posio  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 25-1986

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

T. Eklund - Walimaa

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

50 and 62

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

\$1000 whole farmer

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

FINLAND

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

no

Don't know for sure

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE?

HOME STILL STANDING IN

use

SAUNA

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

Part was build around 1875

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

SOY BEANS - CORN - OATS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Yvonne V. Gustafson  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS 1030 Prairie Ave. Faribault, MN. 55021  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 334-9036  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rte. 4, Box 34, Canby, MN. 56220  
SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Oshkosh COUNTY Yellow Medicine  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead Claim filed  
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) in 1878  
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 12 in Township 115 North of Range No. 44  
West of 5th Principal Meridian.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Gustafson	1884 1933	Father of Ernest
next owner Ernest V. Gustafson	1933 1937	Brother of Selma
next owner Selma D. Swenson	1937 1958	Sister of Marvin
next owner Marvin J. & Inga Gustafson	1958 1969	Father & Mother-in-Law to Yvonne
next owner Yvonne V. Gustafson	1969 Present	

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(X) Abstract of Title ( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed (X) Other History of Y. Medicine Cty.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Yvonne V. Gustafson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 30, 1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Yvonne V. Gustafson  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS 1030 Prairie Ave. Faribault, MN. 55021  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 334-9036  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rte 4 Box 34, Canby, MN. 56220  
SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Oshkosh COUNTY Yellow Medicine  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 Acres  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead claim filed  
in 1878  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12 in Township 115 North of Range no. 44  
West of 5th Principal Meridian.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Gustafson	1878 1933 Abstract, 1884 1933	Father of Fritchof
next owner Fritchof Gustafson	1933 1937	Husband of Tillie
next owner Tillie V. Gustafson	1937 1977	Aunt of Yvonne's husband
next owner Yvonne V. Gustafson	1977 Present	
next owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County Land Record  
( ) Original Deed (X) Other History of Yellow Medicine  
County

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Yvonne V. Gustafson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 30, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

John Gustafson was a colorful pioneer settler as the enclosed article attests to. The part of the farm with the continuing history is the other 160 acres that was tree claimed a little later and where the present home now occupied by my son is still standing. Parts of it are the original that was moved from the earlier site. My son is 4th generation Gustafson to live in this home, but because of my husband's premature death, this doesn't show up on the official records.

On April 1, 1958, Selma sold 40 A. to Marvin(my father-in-law). Then later Marvin sold 200 acres to my husband Curtis and I on a contract for deed. After my husband died in 1974, I paid up that contract with Marvin for the 200 A. Then in 1978 I was able to buy 40 A. from Tillie, getting back all but 80 A. of the original farm of Granpa's. Since then I have sold 40 A. with the buildings and house to my son Dwight, so that he can continue the tradition of Gustafson's farming and owning that land.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Sheldon J. Haaland

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 2 Box 55 Hanley Falls Minnesota 56245

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 423-5138  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP Normania COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 250

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 5-15-1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

Sect-22 Twp-114 Rang-41 63.00 Acres NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Lot 1

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner:</u> John O. Kise	FROM 5-15-1886 TO 12-20-1911	Great Grandfather
<u>next owner:</u> Jorine Kise	12-20-1911 3-1-1927	Spouse of Great Grandfather
<u>next owner:</u> Albert & Amanda Hovdesven	3-1-1927 11-20-1940	Grandmother & Grandfather
<u>next owner:</u> Jewell & Josie Haaland	11-20-1940 12-1-1981	Father & Mother
<u>next owner:</u> Haaland Farm Partnership	12-1-1981 Present	

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Abstract of Title ( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Land Patent ( ) County Land Record (X)  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 12, 1986

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John & Pauline Riseberg

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 63

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 11 dollars per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? \_\_\_\_\_

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1890

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn Soybeans Wheat

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

This 63 acres was a part of a larger farm bought by John O Kise before 1886, but the 63 acres I now own was sold or lost and bought back again in 1886. The rest of the farm is being certified as a Century Farm by Ordell Lovness of Cottonwood, Minn.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

*Mrs. Archie Johnson*  
*Brian L. Johnson*  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

*Porter*

city

*Minn.*

state

*56280*

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

*(507) 223-5764*

area code

*(612-255-9399 St. Cloud Mn.)*

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

*same*

SECTION

*8*

TOWNSHIP

*Verigeland*

COUNTY

*Yellow Medicine*

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

*160*

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

*Act of Instrument: 1885*  
*Homestead - April 4, 1885*  
*Filed for Record - July 21, 1885 11 AM.*

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

*Section 8 - Township 114 - Range 44 - 160 acres - (Homestead)*  
*(S 2 1/4)* *North* *East*

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <i>Amin Olsen Rein</i>	<i>1885 - 1894</i>	<i>Uncle of Peter</i>
next owner <i>(widower)</i> <i>Peter A Rein wife Tilda K.</i>	<i>1894 - 1929</i> <i>1899</i>	<i>Father of Stella</i>
next owner <i>Lars R. Johnson +</i> <i>wife Stella</i>	<i>1929</i> <i>1934 - 1954</i>	<i>Parents of Archie</i>
next owner <i>Archie + Johnson + wife</i> <i>Lucille M. Johnson</i>	<i>1954 - 1974</i>	<i>Husband + father</i>
next owner <i>Lucille M. Johnson, then</i> <i>Brian L. Johnson - only son +</i> <i>of heir</i>	<i>1974 - present</i>	

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☒ Abstract of Title  
☐ Land Patent  
☐ Original Deed

☐ Court file in Registration Proceedings  
☐ County Land Record  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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*Lucille M. Johnson*

(signature of present owner)

DATE

*5-1-1986*

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ~~1000~~ 1000

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1956

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soy beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Ordell J. Lovsness  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 122 Shoreview Drive, Cottonwood, Minnesota 56229  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 423-5295  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Hanley Falls, Minnesota R.R. 2, 56245

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP Normania COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 440 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 5-25-1880

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

E $\frac{1}{2}$  - SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec/ 22 Twp 114 Range 41 Lot # 3

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner:	FROM 5-25-1880	
John O. Kise	TO 12-20-1911	Grandfather
next owner:	12-20-1911	
Jorine Kise (wife)	2-24-1940	Grandmother
next owner:	2-24-1940	
Ordell, Jerold, Celda Lovsness	12-23-1942	Grandchildren
Dr. Joseph Kise	1-2-1953	Uncle
next owner:	12-23-1942	
Ordell Lovsness	1-2-1953	Grandchild
next owner:		

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Abstract of Title (x) Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Land Patent ( ) County Land Record (x)  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Ordell Lovsness  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 5-28-1986

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Carl J. M. Bratberg & Pauline Bratberg

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 128 acres \$1490.00

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 128 acres @ \$11.64 = \$1489.92

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hedemarken, Norway (3-7-1851)

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Not known

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Yes-at first  
in this country, railroad, later as a shoemaker.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Yes (the house) 1880

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1890

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, beans, wheat & other grain.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: